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To breathe the quietness of God,
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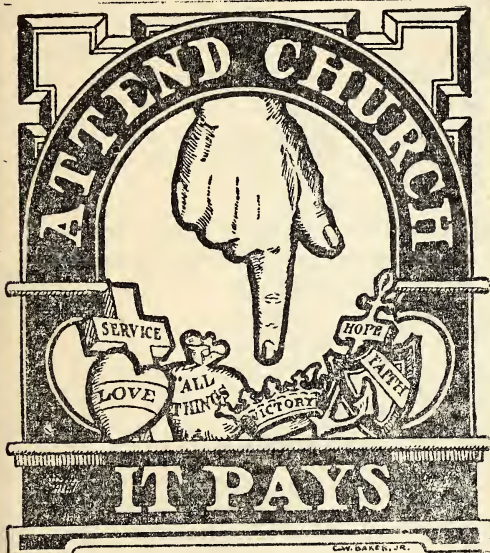
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Go-To-Church Month

October is **GO-TO-CHURCH** month throughout America. The church bells from thousands of steeples are again calling worshippers to the house of God. America is what it is, America is great, America is free because of it's churches. Every high and noble ideal written into the body politic of our people has been inspired by the church. Americanism will never die as long as loyal and loving people keep the Light of the Church, glowing in the darkened world. Go To Church Every Sunday During October.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

September 27-October 4



This National Christian Education Week observed by the churches of America is an effort to take religion out to the entire community. Last year's observance stressed the fact that there were fifteen million school-age children without religious education of any sort and thirty million other Americans without any church association. Since that time, Protestant churches (working through the International Council of Religious Education, have moved forward to answer the challenge. The four-year program of United Christian Education Advance was launched in February. A program with a three-fold emphasis—the church, the family and the community—was worked out. The development of the Christian way of life in these three areas will result in a Christian nation.

"Foundations of Freedom" will be the week's theme stressed in press, radio and religious bodies by nationally known educators, churchmen and legislators taking part. The daily themes for this week include—

Sunday—"The Truth Shall Make You Free."

Monday—"Free to Serve."

Tuesday—"The Home a Foundation of Freedom."

Wednesday—"A Free Church in a Free State."

Thursday—"Community Foundations of Freedom."

Friday—"Youth's Claim to Freedom."

Saturday—"Good Will, A Foundation of Freedom."

Sunday—"World Wide Foundations of Freedom."



MAKING TEACHING CHRISTIAN

M. Owen Kellison, Executive Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, recently outlined what he means by making teaching Christian—

"First, I mean to give it the Christian spirit, to make it crusading and evangelistic, to give it the sense of commission—'Go ye therefore,' and reach 'the sixty million' and all the other millions. Christian education must be redeemed at this point.

"Second, I mean make it Christian-life centered. This would mean that the content must be Christian life and that the teaching be done by Christian teachers.

"Third, I mean that Christian ends shall be kept in view; the development of Christian personality, persons who are Christian at heart and who act Christian; the development of a Christian social order where all the relations of people are Christian.

"What do I mean by doing the teaching along lines of good educational procedure? Simply that. I mean that the teaching shall be done by persons trained for their work. That would necessitate a re-emphasis of teacher training classes and

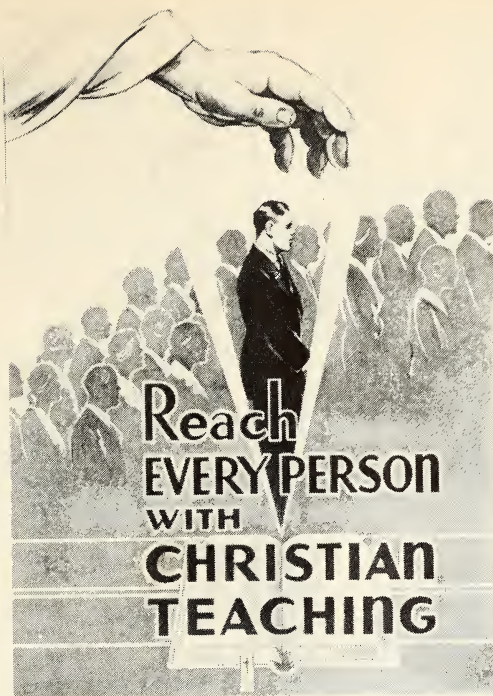
courses. It would mean that teachers know and live the Christian life.

"I mean the following of the best possible methods, old or new, without fear or favor, for the sake of growing life. I mean the use of the best possible materials and equipment. Such is the crying need of Christian education today. This means a resurgence of good things old and a reaching out to better things new."



AMONG THE DISCIPLES

There is a continued increase in the number of churches among the Disciples of Christ who are enrolling in the United Christian Education Advance. Mr. Wilbur C. Parry, of the Religious Education Department, reports that more than 2,000 are now enrolled and using the materials issued by his department. Mr. R. H. Peoples, National Negro Secretary, reports that there are 10% enrollment already among the Negro churches. The program was presented at the recent Convention of the Negro Churches at Kansas City. Sunday Schools, whether large or small, are finding these new materials issued by the Department of Religious Education very helpful in building programs that will reach every person with Christian teaching.



REACH EVERY PERSON WITH CHRISTIAN TEACHING

In Leister, England, there is a chapel which was built in the 17th century at the time when civil wars were dividing the country. Today one can still read the inscription of dedication, and find there a message for our times: "In ye years 1653 when all things sacred were throughout the nation either demoleist or profaned, Sir Robert Shirely, Baronet, founded this church: whose singular praise it is to have done ye best things in ye worst times."

The imperative today is advance. The claims of this movement are staggering in their possibilities and awful in their consequences if we fail—when the propagandists of hate are most insistant—the propagandists of love must not forget their mission.

— when the prophets of a world order based upon force and directed by selfishness are speaking aloud—the prophets of the inner compulsion of good will cannot be silent.

— when the bars of human justice are torn down, the Christian forces must keep open the flood gates of faith, freedom, brotherhood and equality.

— when children are robbed of their rights to play, to learn, to grow, the home must be undergirded anew by those foundation stones of human dignity, the sacredness of personality, and greatest of all, opportunities for abundant life.

— when the lights are going out all over the world, the church must not be caught without a match.

Jesus died on a cross, not to save us in some magical fashion, but to show us the way to salvation. Not by might, not by power, not by hate, or greed or selfishness, but by sacrifice for the good of all men everywhere. Reach every person with Christian teaching. Tell everyone you meet—"there is a man on the cross."

(From Address by T. T. Swearingen, International Convention.)

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Regular	\$169.56
Missions	15.49
Building Fund	2.55
Loose	6.17
First Christian Tidings	12.00
Emergency Thousand	40.00
	<hr/> \$245.77

MEETING THIS WEEK

The Friendly Bible Class will meet Friday night, October 2, (tonight) at the home of Mrs. Martin Wagner, 1514½ Wells St., Mr. Wayne L. Miller will address the class on the theme: "Woman's Place in the Post-war Period."

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

The **Rachel Circle**, Tuesday, Mrs. W. W. Bundy, 2605 Lafayette St.

The **Esther Circle**, Wednesday, Mrs. Joseph Siples, 717 Lawton Place.

The **Naomi Circle**, Wednesday, Mrs. Walter Birkhold, 1332 W. Washington St.

The **Martha Circle**, Wednesday, noonday, birthday luncheon, Mrs. Merland Heller, 3224 Broadway.

The **Dorcas Club**, Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Harry Ake, 2622 Fairfield View Place.

The **Lakoda Class**, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, teacher, will hold a marshmallow and weiner roast on Sunday evening, October 11, following the Christian Youth Fellowship meeting. The committee on arrangements is: Misses Marion Trumbower, Norma Young and Dorothy Hendy.

HARLAN GIRLS' CHORUS

A Girls' Chorus from Harlan sang two numbers at the morning worship service last Sunday. They were directed by Mrs. Guy Abbott, our Choir Director. How fine it would be if we had such a chorus in our own church! Mrs. Abbott would be glad to direct such a chorus if sufficient number of girls wished to sing.

At the national convention of the American Legion in Kansas City a Disciple minister was elected National Chaplain. He is Rev. Paul DeForrest Mortimore of Pocatello, Idaho.

TIDINGS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. Amanda Parks
Mr. and Mrs. George King
Mrs. Margaret & Ernie Owen (2 yrs.)
Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien (2 yrs.)
Miss Marguerite McGuire
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haffner (2 yrs.)
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller
Miss Ruth Lotz
Miss Evelyn Knight
Mrs. Guy Drewett
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kukuck
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist (2 yrs.)
Mrs. F. H. Hobbs
Mrs. Irene Cline
Mrs. Stella Burkhalter
Miss Lulu Michael (2 yrs.)
Mrs. Jennie Rich
Mrs. Flora Virts

FALL CONFERENCES

Our Northern Indiana Evangelist, Rev. W. C. Aschanhort, has released the names of the leaders who will comprise the team for the Fall Conference. They are C. G. Aldrich, Norman Berry, Mrs. C. O. Nease and W. C. Ashanhort. The conference will be held at First Christian on Thursday, October 29.

THE POSTAGE STAMP

There was a little postage stamp,
No bigger than your thumb,
But still it stuck right on the job
Until its work was done.
They licked it and they pounded it
Till it would make you sick,
But the more it took the licking,
Why, the tighter it would stick.
Let us be like that postage stamp
In playing life's rough game
And just keep on a-sticking,
Though we hide our heads in shame.
For the stamp stuck to the letter
Till it saw it safely through,
And if we've got the gumption,
We'll stick to our job too.

—The Lookout.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. Mary McKinley, 501 Fourth St., fell and sprained her ankle last Saturday. She is able to be around the house.

Peace of mind comes to those who believe in something bigger than themselves.

One-half of the children in America are today receiving no religious education whatsoever.

When Britain was being bombed the British Bible Society completed the publication of one thousand Bibles in the language of the Bulu peoples and shipped them (via N. Y.) to Cameround in French West Africa.

An optimist is one who sees an opportunity in every difficulty; a pessimist is one who sees difficulty in every opportunity.

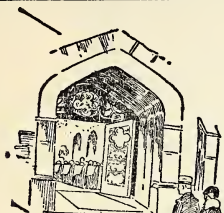
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THE GREATEST PATH IN THE WORLD LEADS TO YOUR CHURCH

I was glad when they said
unto me, "Let us go into
the house of the Lord."

But let my due feet never fail
To walk the studious cloister's pale,
And love the high embowed roof,
With antique pillars massy-proof,
And storied windows richly dight,
Casting a dim religious light.
There let the pealing organ blow,
To the full-voiced choir below,
In service high and anthems clear,
As may with sweetness, through mine ear
Dissolve me into ecstasies,
And bring all Heaven before mine eyes.
(Milton—II Penseroso)

WEEK OF THE MINISTRY

October 11-18 is Week of the Ministry in the Disciples Brotherhood. "He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers," Ephesians 4:11. A service in honor of former ministers will be held next Sunday. Former ministers and retired ministers of our brotherhood will be present in the services. If relatives or friends wish their loved ones to be remembered in this service will they please notify the minister before Sunday.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church, which has been on vacation during the summer, will resume its winter services next Sunday. Mrs. Fred Higgens and Miss Norma Young will direct the services during October.

The Junior Church will meet at 10:30 A.M. simultaneously with the adult worship service. All children of the Junior age should attend the Junior Church from 10:30 to 11:45 A.M.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will hold its regular monthly meeting next Monday night, meeting at 7:30 P.M.

DEACONS SERVING IN OCTOBER

Leo Miller, Captain
J. W. Haffner, Wm. Crouse, Howard Dilgard,
Homer Boxon, Ray Moore, Jos Clark.

GUESTS LAST SUNDAY

Harriet Keys, 1225 Fairfield Ave.
Mrs. Ernest Keys, Mexico, Indiana.
Miriam Keys, Mexico, Indiana.

LOYAL REAPERS

The Loyal Reapers Class will meet Thursday night, October 15. This will be their annual chicken eating festival.

JUST ARRIVED

A son, John Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bracey, Caruthersville, Mo., September 27.



MISSIONARIES RETURNING

On August 27th five of our missionaries from Occupied China and Japan arrived in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McCoy and their two sons of Japan, Alexander Paul, W. W. Haskell and James McCallum of Occupied China. O. J. Goultnier began the homeward trip with them but as he is a citizen of Australia he was delayed in Portuguese East Africa, temporarily.

Miss Lois Ely and Edwin Marx may be included in a later sailing from China. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Huber and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith of the Philippines and Dr. A. G. Henderson in Germany, are still unable to return.



MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

Thirteen of the young people who are preparing for missionary service appeared before the Board of Trustees at the time of their meeting in September. These candidates are — Ruth Hamilton, Hazel Hughes, Mary Gregg Bruner, Ruth Harner, Garland Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fuqua, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Mitcher, J. Edwin Coathers, Merwin Haskell, Donald Rice and Ruth Pestal.

The personnel committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America has been conferring during the last two years with nationals and missionaries, with seminary presidents and heads of departments of missions, with board secretaries and others regarding the types of missionaries who will be needed to help build the new world order, and as to where they can secure training in North America and in the fields where they are to go. Disciples of Christ have had fifteen to twenty young people in training in 1941-42 and will have more than that taking post graduate courses in the academic year 1942-43.



America has one-third of all the wealth of the world, and her churches spend ninety-five per cent of their money at home.

POST WAR MISSIONS

Laymen are asking what place the Christian missionary will have in making plans for peace; and what changes in methods and policies will be demanded by the postwar world.

One of the contributions to the construction of a new world order will be made through organized groups everywhere on the globe. As these groups increase in number and as they continue to pour into the nations' leadership the kind of people that are produced in Christian schools and universities, their influence will be felt throughout the nation and they will shape the thought of all the people.

No one can now say what conditions will be met in China, Japan, India and the Philippines and in other lands at the close of the war. The physical evidence of much of Christianity will be destroyed, but the spirit of Christian people cannot be crushed. They have continued to create Christian character even while buildings were being blown to bits and millions of their colleagues were dying in battle or as civilians in bombed areas.

The destruction of buildings and the movements of populations will give opportunity for surveys that may indicate new lines for Christian development. In a center where two or more Christian missions have had two or more schools and no hospital it may seem wise in the future to have but one school and to found a medical center.

Instead of decreasing our efforts toward winning men and women in all lands to devotion and loyalty to Christ, we should increase them so as to have a larger body of followers of our Lord in every nation in the world. (Higdon—September World Call.)



COMMUNION MEDITATION

"We Must Choose"

Through the vast complexities of our modern civilized world, made one by God, the crucified Christ is looking down upon us—with death in his bleeding hands and feet—but a light in his burning eyes—and demanding from us all—every individual man and woman—a choice between the glory of Reason, Patience, and Love and the glory of Force, Wrath and Fear. He will not go away. I do not believe He will let us alone. He is making us waver all over the world. He is going to drive us to a decision with His wounded hands, He will not let us have His world for a playground, a battlefield, a factory, or an empire any longer; we must give it to Him.

We must give it to Him or—there will be darkness over all the earth from the sixth hour until the ninth—and that may be a thousand years.

We must decide, and this decision is for you and me.

G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

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Building Fund	10.20
Loose	6.66
First Christian Tidings	13.00
Emergency Thousand	406.80
The Hearthstone	2.30
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TOTAL	\$570.36

Please note the very fine offering last week. This is due to the fine work of Mr. L. S. Sentman and his finance committee. Almost one-half, \$476.80, of the Emergency Thousand has been paid in, and the committee say the other one-half is in sight. Thanks to all who liberally shared in this clean-up project.

WORKERS LUNCHEON

A Friday-noon luncheon will be served on October 16, and succeeding Friday noons if demand warrants the serving. Due to congestion in eating places at the noon hour, the groups of the Council will serve luncheons for workers of the G.E. and other establishments. The luncheon October 16 is an experimental meal, and the continuance of the luncheon each Friday will be determined by the demand.

G.E. and other employees are requested to pass the information on by word of mouth. Friday, October 16—45 cents. The Martha Group will serve.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Woman's Council will appreciate orders for Christmas cards from members of the church and their friends. There is a fine selection in all price ranges and Mrs. Vaught will be glad to show samples if you will call her, H-50094. Please order so that delivery can be made before November 22 (gas rationing).

There are still a few copies of the Hearthstone. Almost fifty copies of Hearthstone are in our christian homes. Get yours next Sunday if you wish one. They will be in the narthex.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Two groups of the Christian Youth Fellowship will meet next Sunday night, the high school and the young peoples group. They will unite for the worship period and then hold separate discussion groups. Wayne Tracey will lead the discussions.

At 7:30 P.M. next Sunday, following the Christian Fellowship meetings, the Lakoda Class, Mrs. Sigrist teacher, will meet at the church to go on a weiner and marshmallow roast picnic. They will go to East McMillan park. Transportation will be furnished from the church. Miss Marian Trumbower is in charge of the picnic.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Newton McIntire, 2544 Reed St., underwent an operation for an appendectomy at the Methodist Hospital, but has returned to her home and is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Harvey Smelser, R. No. 6, has been confined to her bed for a week.

Little Shirley Smelser, R. No. 6, suffered a very serious injury to her eye. Definite result from the injury has not been determined.

Mrs. Anna Hartshorn, 2318 S. Webster, is ill at home. As the Tidings goes to press she is somewhat improved, but still bedfast.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jean Wilkens and her family, 529 Fourth St., in the sudden passing of her father last Thursday at the St. Joseph Hospital.

PRETTY LEAVES

Pretty leaves are everywhere
They make the trees look cold and bare.
But Jack Frost came in the night,
And robbed the trees all in white.

The above was written by Gail Parsons, age 8, one of our third year primary pupils, Mrs. Earl Fusselman, teacher.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coblentz
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frame
Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Monk (2 yrs.)
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Rogers (2 yrs.)
Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau (2 yrs.)
Mrs. J. H. Whitbey (2 yrs.)
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moser
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee
Miss Ollie Swinehart
Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard
Mrs. John Sutton
Mr. and Mrs. M. Cleo Halleck
Mr. and Mrs. Merland Heller
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lehneke
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fusselman
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Robinette
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowker
Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Schlatter
Mrs. Clover Branstrator
Miss Hortense Wiley

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FALL CONFERENCES

A week from today, next **Thursday**, October 22, the Fall Conference of the Christian churches of Allen, Adams, Wells and Whitley counties will be held at First Christian. The conferences are grouped this year and held in central positions because of traveling conditions and conservation of time and energy on the part of the team. Our northern Indiana evangelist, Rev. W. C. Aschanhort of Flora, is leader of the team and director of the conference. The evening session will be an evangelistic service with Rev. J. J. Whitehouse as the speaker of the evening.

There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening.

The chairman of the Emergency Thousand crusade, Mr. L. S. Sentman reports that his teams have made calls upon three hundred and fifty families, but many persons were not seen because they were not at home when the calls were made. It was the intention of the committee to call on every person in the church. If anyone has not been seen it is an oversight or they were not at home. If you have not made your pledge, and wish to do so you will kindly leave the money or the pledge at the church office, or bring it to the church service placing it in the special envelopes used for the crusade. All pledges should be paid in October if possible.

YOU TELL ON YOURSELF

"You tell what you are by the friends you seek,

By the very manner in which you speak,
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the use you make of dollar and dime.
You tell what you are by the things you wear
By the spirit in which you burdens bear,
By the kind of things at which you laugh,
By the records you play on the phonograph.
You tell what you are by the way you walk.
By the things of which you delight to talk.
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you eat,
By the books you choose from the wellfilled shelf;

In these ways and more, you tell on yourselfe,
So there's really no particle of sense
In any effort of false pretense."

—Unknown.

HARVEST HOME INGATHERING

The gifts for the Emily E. Flinn home are coming in, but slowly. Instead of setting one Sunday aside as Harvest Home Ingathering day, the council and church school are observing the whole month of October as Harvest Home Ingathering month. If you wish to share any of the articles in your larder with the aged women in the Flinn Home, bring them to the church or church school **any** Sunday.

Because of sugar and coffee rationing the committee has suggested that if anyone wishes to contribute money instead of canned goods, the money will be most acceptable.

Here are a few facts to remember when making your contribution to your **Other Family** at Marion:

\$0.30 will provide food for one day for an aged guest.

\$2.10 will provide food for one week for an aged guest.

\$35.00 will provide milk for one month for the entire family at the Flinn Home.

\$5.50 will provide medical care for the Family for one week.

Put your arm around me—

There, like that!

I want a little petting, at life's setting,

For it's harder to be brave,

When old age comes creeping, and finds
us weeping,

Loved ones gone;

Just a little petting, at life's setting—

For I'm old, alone, and tired,

And my long life's work is done.

—Taken from Family Talk.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Woman's Council will sponsor a Rummage Sale next week, **Tuesday and Wednesday**, October 20 and 21. Mrs. Leo Blair is in charge. Please bring your rummage to 333 E. Lewis St. If necessary, someone in each council group will pick up the rummage. If you are not certain who it is, call your council chairman or Mrs. Blair, H-79192. Please have garments pressed and clean as this will increase the sale price. Ladies working in the morning be there by 8:30. Coat hangers, string and paper bags will be appreciated. Mrs. Fred Hilker, Project Chairman.



"OPENING DOORS FOR GOD"

"Opening Doors for God" has been selected as the theme of the annual evangelistic materials prepared by the Committee on Evangelism of the Home and State Missions Planning Council. For a num-

ber of years, programs released by this Council have been used by churches throughout the brotherhood. More than four thousand churches used the "Toward Calvary" pre-Easter Materials. "Opening Doors for God" is not an evangelistic program for any particular period of the church year but may be used at any season.

The Committee this year cooperated with the United Christian Education Advance in seeking to contribute to the specific objectives of this program. There is a two-fold tie-in with the Advance—(1) To win to Christ and the church all youth and adults now enrolled in the Sunday School and other auxiliaries who have not been won; (2) To enlist in the church and its auxiliaries all members of church-related homes.

Among these materials, prepared for a six-week period, there is a booklet entitled "Talks for Teachers" written by N. Owen Kellison on the theme "Opening Doors for God." There is also a most attractive poster, sepia lithographed, featuring Holman Hunt's famous picture "The Light of the World."

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Blessed are those who can rest from speech to dwell in a holy silence.

Blessed are those who can rise from thought to the fullness of pure knowing.

Blessed are those, who detached from deeds, can rest in their own true being.

CHINESE COURAGE

Luther Shao, formerly pastor of the Drum Tower Church in Nanking, was among those who fled to West China a few years ago. He is now working with the Mission Boards of West China. In speaking of the many Chinese Christians who have maintained confidence in the power of God and in the ultimate victory of right, the Rev. Olin Stockwell says this of him—

"I think of that Chinese friend of mine who is named Luther Shao. Fleeing with his family before the Japanese terror, living in strange cities in cramped quarters, riding on open trucks with small children and not knowing where his loved ones would spend the night or get the next meal, he found time to gather together scores of Bible passages that would encourage fellow Christians during such hours of trial, brave words that would speak of God's presence and power, and he published them for all in China to read."



BIBLE CRUSADE IN MEXICO

Fred Huegel, who is actively engaged in the Bible Crusade in Mexico, reports that it is the biggest thing on the missionary horizon in the Republic. The Captain and he cannot keep up with the calls which are coming from churches all over the country eager to get into the campaign. Our own Aguascalientes church has practically completed the task. Only eight blocks in that city have not been visited, which means that shortly every home in that city will have received a gospel portion. A call had come recently to them from the First Baptist Church and a week of services will be held there soon to launch the Crusade. In addition to this Crusade Mr. Huegel has been carrying on his regular duties at the Seminary and at the Prison. He is very proud of his man there who is now reflecting the life of Christ in very truth. On September 10th a great gathering was held at the Prison with a band from the War Department.



RAMAKRISHNA AND GOD

"I found God at the end of Christianity. If anyone follows Christ he will reach God. I have verified it."

"Have you noticed the steady flame of the lamp? The slightest stir in the air will make it flicker. Just as delicate is the task of seeking God."

"Whenever righteousness is stoned to death and the unrighteous rule the earth, He is born among men to bring about the victory of Truth, Love and Wisdom."

"The way most people act to know and love God is a scandal. They think He is hungrier than a common beggar at their door, easy to satisfy with a handful of any kind of offering. He cannot be fooled by little sacrifices when desire for earthly results stalks through man's thoughts and dreams like herds of elephants through a jungle. Do you think you can satisfy him by presenting a fraction of yourself?"

"How many men act for the sake of doing the perfect deed without any hope of earthly results? Also scholarship—like a lamp if it does not contain the flame of longing for the Infinite knowledge and the Infinite God, cannot give freedom to the soul. The same is the case of love of God, like a bird if it is not voiced with an excruciating longing for Him, it will not sing the perfect melody of salvation?"

"Shall men say of you that you spent your days in the tavern of talk drinking the wine of eloquence? On the contrary may you BE so that they will say, 'He dwelt amongst us like a tiger of truth. Wherever he went errors trembled like leaves in the jungle and sin fled before Him like a herd of goats. He was so full of blessings even his feeblest gestures would shower love on all. He did not humble us with criticism but heightened us with God.'"

—Mukerji



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Missions	18.52
Building Fund	11.95
Loose	7.80
First Christian Tidings	16.50
The Hearthstone	1.75
Christmas	2.00
Thanksgiving	2.00
Emergency Thousand	103.00
TOTAL	\$269.36

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Nettie Funk, 5241½ E. Douglas.
Mrs. Jane Vesey Smith, 222 W. Fleming.
Mrs. Steadman Fountain, 4221 Oliver.
Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Love, 812 W. DeWald.
Mr. Romane Cole, 2603 Sherman.
Rev. E. W. Allen, 1203 W. Jefferson.
Mrs. Emma Bushong, 734 Putnam.
Mrs. Ruth Simmers, 125 East Taber St.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosselle, 939 Edgewater.

NEW MEMBERS

We were happy to receive into our fellowship on Sunday morning, October 4, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Weaver, 1219 Elmwood. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were former members of First Christian.

ON OUR CRADLE ROLL

Boneta Kay Caldwell, 1204 Ridgewood Drive, celebrates her third birthday October 21.

WORKERS LUNCHEON

The Martha Group of the Woman's Council will serve a Workers Luncheon at the church tomorrow, Friday, October 16. The women are serving this luncheon at the noon hour because of the congestion in eating places near the General Electric plant. The luncheon is open to the public. Price, 45c.

The Council requests that G.E. workers pass the information on to their co-workers at the plant.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

The General Executive of the Woman's Council will meet Tuesday, October 20 at 1:00 o'clock P.M. At 2:00 o'clock a missionary program will be given. Mrs. J. C. Koegel will have devotions, Mrs. John Sutton will furnish special music. The speaker will be Mrs. J. J. Farwell. Refreshments will be served.

HOMECOMING

The Progressive Class will hold its annual Homecoming next Sunday, October 18. A basket dinner will be served at 12:30 in the Sears Roebuck pavillion. Each family will bring a well filled basket and its own drink. New members are welcome, old members are expected.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Rev. Allen's daughter, Mrs. A. D. Young, of Briar Hill, Ontario, Canada, is visiting her father. He now resides at 1203 W. Jefferson Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott, who have been residing in the state of Oregon, have returned to Fort Wayne. They are living at 1314 Marion Street.

GUESTS LAST SUNDAY

Margaret Reed, 345 W. Wayne St.
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker, 224 W. Douglas.
Mr. and Mrs. Finton Cramer, 1017 College.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Donahue, 1439 Broadway.

TIDINGS SUBSCRIPTIONS LAST SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. H. James Flack.
Mrs. Stacey Richards.
Miss Lucille Wager.
Mrs. John Lahmeyer.
Mrs. Georgia Ellison.
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richards (2 yrs.)
Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leversee.
Mrs. Noel E. Richards, Roanoke, Ind.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dinius, Roanoke, Ind.
Mrs. Fred Higgins.
Mr. and Mrs. Willis VanAlstine.
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Erwin (2 yrs.)
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Riethmiller.
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barbier.
Mrs. Anna and Clayton Carmer.
Mrs. Georgia Bauer.
Mrs. Emma Carles.
Mrs. W. W. Bundy.
Mrs. J. C. Koegel.
Miss Pearl Heidecker.
Miss Flora Gilmore.
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Somers.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moffitt.
Mrs. Mary R. Wagner.
Mrs. Mae Sheline.
Mrs. W. L. Hilbish.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Myers.
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hiler.

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MRS. SIMON, PRESIDENT

The Woman's Council at its meeting last Tuesday choose Mrs. Harrison Simon as its president for the coming year. She will take office January 1. The other officers of the Council to serve with her are:

Mrs. G. C. Cahow, 1st Vice-President.
Mrs. David Hogg, 2nd Vice-President.
Mrs. Owen Vaught, Secretary.
Mrs. Charles Dare, Treasurer.
Mrs. Homer Broxon, Cor.-Secy.
Nom. Committee for 1943:
Mrs. A. L. Haddox.
Mrs. Ray Woodhull.
Mrs. Frank Miller.
Mrs. Elmore Schlatter.
Mrs. Mae Sheline.

NOW

Now that you have seen the fall colors of the leaves; now that you have taken another look at the lake (the same one you have been looking at all summer); now that you have attended that family reunion; now that you have used up that tank of gas before rationing starts; now that you have your storm windows in; **no doubt** you will join the rest of us at Sunday School and Church next Sunday. —Clipped.

FALL CONFERENCE

A mistake was made in last week's TIDINGS as to the date of the Fall Conference. The conference is Thursday, October 29. Remember the date.

A great program has been arranged. Three sessions will be held, 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 7:45 p.m.

Rev. J. J. Whitehouse of Angola will bring an inspiring message at the evening session. Every one is invited to attend.

WEDDING BELLS

Mr. Homer H. Stevenson and Miss Hortense Wiley were united in marriage in a beautiful service at the altar last Saturday night. You will remember Mr. Stevenson made his confession and was baptized the day before he reported for duty in the service of his country. He is stationed at Protue Army Air Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

From INDIA:

O heavenly Father, open wide the sluice gate into my heart that I may receive thy living water and be fruitful. (Village woman, recently confirmed.)

GOAL REACHED

The recent drive to raise additional funds for the current expenses of the church has been completed and we are glad to announce that it has been a grand success.

The drive was titled the "Emergency Thousand," since the goal was \$1,000.00. As this issue of the TIDINGS goes to press, the pledges amount to approximately \$1,092.30 and \$675.30 has already been received in payment toward these pledges.

As chairman of this "Emergency Thousand" campaign, I would like to take this opportunity to thank first, those who served on the committee and helped make the arrangements for the drive; second, those who assisted in the canvassing, and, third, all those who so willingly pledged.

The following are included in the first group and are due special thanks, since they served on the committee to make arrangements, helped with the canvassing and also made a pledge: Mrs. David Hogg, Mr. Donald Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Young, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coar, Rev. S. J. Burgess and Mrs. C. D. Palmer.

Those included in the second group are: Mr. C. F. Kollman, Mr. Harold Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Eppie Baker, Mr. Don Eyer, Mr. Myron Cole, Mr. Robert Clipp, Mr. Joe Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Robinett, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Miller, Mr. Harold Bowker, Mr. Delmas Young, Mr. Harry Hiler, Mr. Ansel Gaskill, Mr. J. E. Tracey, Mr. Owen Vaught, Mr. Harold Kuckuck, Mr. Charles Young, Mr. Carl Wright, Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Eva Mosier, Mrs. Joseph Siples and Mrs. John Sutton.

This canvass was a success because every one did his part. The church, the Official Board, the committee and myself thank each and every one for their support.

L. S. SENTMAN, Chairman.

ILLNESS

Mrs. James Buchanan, 2113 West Main Street, is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Room 315.

From CHINA:

Dear Saving Lord, make me a bamboo pipe that I may carry living waters to nourish thy dry fields of my village.



MISSIONARIES TO AFRICA

The first missionaries since the sinking of the ZAMZAM have reached the African continent. They are Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Boyer and Miss Goldie Alumbaugh—who went by way of Buenos Aires by plane and from there by Argentine S. S. to Capetown. They arrived in Capetown August 9th. This safe arrival of the missionaries gave assurance that other missionaries might be able to reach our woefully undermanned field in the Belgian Congo.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer will be located at Wema since Mr. Johnston of that station has been ill for some months. Miss Alumbaugh will probably be placed at Lotumba where we have a doctorless hospital. The hospital at Monieka is also without a doctor since Dr. Jaggard's illness and furlough to South Africa.



The statistical report now being prepared for the year book shows the total of 2,166 additions in our Congo Christian Mission churches last year, and 303 in India. This is about normal for the Congo Mission but it is more than twice as many for the Indian Mission as shown in last year's report. These new Christians are probably in the area of the "Growing Church of India."

HEARTSTONE

One of the objectives of United Christian Education Advance is "Regular Bible Reading and Prayer in the Home" for America's 35 million families. It is in these homes that men and women are being produced who will live in tomorrow's world. The welfare and destiny of the Christian movement lies around today's fireside.

To stimulate Bible study and Christian training in the home the new magazine "Heartstone" came into existence. It is published by the Christian Board of Publication quarterly and contains—a devotional Bible reading, comment and prayer for every day, a section devoted to the big problems of bringing up a family and making and keeping it Christian, also articles on family life with guidance for father, mother and children and devotional gems gleaned from varying sources.

2,428 MILES OF SERVICE

In the Arkansas Valley of the State of Colorado, churches with the help of the Home Missions Department are hitting hard at the job of ministering to persons of Japanese descent. Working out of Rocky Ford, a former California elder, Sunday School superintendent, and conference graduate (all in one), James Sugioka, is special field worker for the Arkansas Valley Amalgamation Project.

He preaches, visits in the homes of the Japanese, conducts weddings and funerals, plus other duties of a busy minister. During August Pastor Sugioka traveled 2,428 miles in his Colorado parish.

"There are three types of people I am contacting," he explains, "First, those that have had church homes; second, the new folk that are fortunate enough to be here instead of in concentration camps; and third, those that have had no touch with Christ."

The budget under which he operates is a minimum one, but this is what he did in August—(1) served at the Community Center Project three times (2) attended eleven meetings of various kinds. (3) spent six days at Sylvandale Young People's Conference, speaking to nearly all classes. (4) spoke in five churches in Colorado about the program. (5) spoke at one service club. (6) met fifty-nine persons of Japanese ancestry.





WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO ABOUT THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM?

Why do men and women and young people drink alcoholic beverages?

Most often alcohol is an escape from worry, fatigue, disappointment, a desire to forget one's self and his inability to cope with life—to get away from the boredom of existence.

It is the unique privilege of the Church to equip men and women to face life as it is, with courage and brave assurance—more than this to give meaning to life.

This is the Church's truest contribution to a temperate world and a sure path to mental and spiritual health.

National Forum gave the following disciplines which the Church can back up with spiritual strength and eternal purpose:

Get acquainted with yourself. Know your own strength and weaknesses. Accept yourself and admit your limitations.

Face the facts of life. Truth is unpleasant; but take it—it can make you free.

Solve your own problems. Avoid escapes. Use expert help but stand on your own feet.

Earn your successes. Work hard at your job, whatever it is. Stop counting on luck or fate.

Try to understand people. Don't expect too much of others. Learn to understand how they feel.

Develop genuine friendship. Learn to like people. Cultivate companionship. Share yourself.

Find yourself a big cause, apply your philosophy in action. Stand for big things.

Be alive. Exercise body, mind and feeling to tingling aliveness.

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Missions	17.15
Building Fund	45
Loose	7.35
First Christian Tidings	9.00
Christian Youth Fellowship	1.59
Hearth Stone .....	.50
Emergency Thousand	95.50
Total	\$231.29

GUESTS LAST SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Schoppman, 1123 McCulloch Street, City.

C. M. Lutes, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ON OUR CRADLE ROLL

Ronfred Stanley Burk, 1134 East Lewis Street, celebrates his first birthday, October 26.

TIDINGS RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold (2 years).

Mrs. Lillian Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis.

Miss Elaine Jones

Mrs. Mary McKinley.

Mrs. Emma Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lynn.

Mrs. Nellie Newland.

Mrs. J. L. Nowells

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Siples.

Mrs. Nettie Funk.

Mrs. E. R. Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Schell (2 years).

Mr. and Mrs. William Yagerlehner.

Mrs. Priscilla Johnson.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss Lucille Wager, 716 Madison Street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, 3915 South Lafayette Street.

From AFRICA:

Beat us, O our Father, not hard enough to give us great pain, but beat us a little; enough to make us travel in Thy path.

HARVEST HOME INGATHERING

One more Sunday to share! White gifts have been coming in all during October for the aged women in the Emily Flinn Home, but not as numerous as was expected. If any one has not brought his gift, as yet, he still has next Sunday to do so. Remember the **gifts now** are in lieu of the white gifts for the Flinn Home at Christmas time. The home is more in need of gifts this year than ever before because many churches and individuals contiguous to the Home have not been able to visit the Home as usual because of rationing.

Bring them in! Bring them in! Most homes can spare a few jars of fruit from its own larder or cellar without the same being missed, but the same will be appreciably noticed at the Home.

Don't coard—but share.

Bring a can and your conscience will feel better.

"Your love has a broken wing if it cannot fly across the seal!"

PINS AND NEEDLES

An S.O.S.—at the Children's Orphans' Home in St. Louis is a sewing class of fifteen girls who are unable to work for the lack of needles and pins. Can you help them? If you have any packages of pins or needles bring them to Mrs. C. F. Durfee or the Church Office.

These are needed: Needles, sizes 3-9; Singer Sewing Machine needles, No. 1, and pins of all sizes.

These small things will help much in the garments and alterations department. They are unable to buy needles or pins on the market.

Pins and needles,

Needles and pins,

To share a blessing

To hoard a sin.

If a congregation is not a missionary church, fifty years afterwards it will be a missionary church.

Unless American Christians use their God-given imaginations to put themselves in the places of those who are paying all the terrible prices of war, they will miss a glorious opportunity to share in the "fellowship of His suffering" now, and to understand Christians in other parts of the world who in the future will speak a language foreign to us, not merely because we do not understand its words, but because we do not understand its ideas.

—E. K. HIGDON,

Taken from Christian World Facts.

From JAPAN:

Lord, make a basket of my body and a bag of my heart, and fill both full of Thyself. Oh, help us to serve Thee! And when we return to our homes help us to tell of Thee to others. (An Ainu woman.)

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THE HARVEST OF THE HARVEST INGATHERING

The Harvest has been gleaned. The response has been most pleasing and generous. Hearts will be gladdened at the Flinn Home by the bringing in of these consecrated gifts. These articles have been brought in:

44 cans of vegetables
29 home canned fruit and jellies
13 packages dried vegetables
\$32.25 in money

These contributions are First Christian's white gifts for Christmas. They are received at this time in lieu of white gifts at the Christmas time for the Flinn Home.

PAID IN

\$795.80 has been paid in already on the Emergency Thousand Crusade. Everyone is proud of the splendid victory achieved. The response was most gratifying. The treasurer, Mr. Don Crouse, is a happy man. In another Sunday or two he will be able to throw away his red ink. Thanks to all who shared.

GOD GIVE US TEACHERS

God, give us teachers whose ears can hear
The still small voice of God,
Whose eyes behold him far and near
In sun and star and sod.

God, give us teachers whose minds will
search

And treasure all that's true,
And barring error from the church,
Give wisdom old and new.

God, give us teachers whose lives will teach
The stable Christian way,
Whose eager hearts will love and teach
The ones who go astray.

God, give us teachers who bear much fruit
Of virtue, love, and right,
And make disciples resolute
For chaos, peace, or night.

—Chauncey R. Piety.

JUST ARRIVED

Janice Mae, weight 2 pounds, to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Buchanan, 2113 W. Main. Baby is doing nicely in an incubator at Methodist Hospital.

OUR SERVICE MEN

Here are those from First Christian who today are valiantly defending us and our country.

They are our first line of defense. They stand between us and slavery. We should honor them. They are defending our church on the seven oceans, the isles of the sea, in the air, in foreign lands and at the home base.

George H. Koegel	Verne Rodiger
James C. Koegel	Gale L. Spitler
Walter C. Clendennon	William Bloom
Homer L. Clendennon	Malvin J. Leykauf
Kenneth L. Tracy	Homer H. Stevenson
Hugh Wilson	Dean Reese
William R. Miller	Wayne H. Imbody
Henry P. Kolkman	James W. Hirschy
Merle S. Morkoetter	

On Armistice Sunday, Nov. 8, a beautiful Service Plaque will be unveiled on which will be inscribed their names.

The committee in charge of the Armistice Day service is Mrs. Leo Miller, Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. J. C. Koegel. If any name or names have been omitted from above list who are members of First Christian, or whose parents or wives are members of First Christian, please call H-76119. The committee wishes to make the list complete and requests the help of all relatives and friends.

CHANGE OF SECRETARIES

"It is with genuine regret that I relinquish my duties as office secretary of First Christian. But the uncertainty of the draft and the general trend of the time make it seem best to accept a more lucrative position. Before I go may I express my thanks and appreciation to the minister, members and friends—your kindly cooperation has made my work with you a pleasure.

Mrs. Carter Palmer."

Mrs. Chester L. Follis is now the office secretary and will be in the church office each morning, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Please call all announcements at these hours. Endeavor to have all announcements for church paper in office by noon Wednesday.

DEACONS SERVING DURING NOVEMBER

Robert Truelove	Myron Cole
Walter Birkhold	J. E. Tracey
J. McCarell	Carl Wright
Merland Heller	

**An Interview
with**



**Mr. and Mrs.
R. D. McCoy
of Japan**

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McCoy, missionaries of Disciples of Christ since 1904, reached the United States on the diplomatic exchange of prisoners on S. S. GRIPSOHLM in August. Other missionaries returning with them were W. W. Haskell, Alexander Paul and James McCallum of Occupied China. They were accompanied by their two sons, Angus Weldon and Scribner Woodrow. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCoy were permitted a good deal of liberty while interned in Tokyo but their two sons were placed in concentration camps, since Weldon was a teacher in the University of Commerce and Scribner was a member of the American consulate.

"Living conditions tightened up, however," said Mrs. McCoy, "Food was scarce and the fuel supply low. We had no eggs, neither Irish or sweet potatoes. In some mysterious way food was brought to us by our friends. We were their guests."

Although arrangements for repatriation were begun in February it was not until May that anything definite was accomplished. The McCoy's brought home with them their linens, silver and bronze art objects but were not allowed to bring any printed matter. Private translations of Japanese fairy tales by Mrs. McCoy had to be left.

Concerning the Japanese attitude about the war Mr. McCoy says: "The Japanese think they are fighting for their lives and consider this a holy war. If defeated they feel it would be national disgrace. They are fighting desperately to maintain their national prestige and are very sensitive about it. Many Japanese sincerely want peace but they are backing up the military program because they have to do it. When Saburo Kuruso and Admiral Kichisaburo were in America the last of November and first of December the general run of people were truly hopeful that there would be some type of peace. The reconciliation faction, led by Prince Kichisaburo Konoue, was quite strong until the summer of 191; when the Prince was overthrown as premier, those of his cabinet resigned. Gen. Eiki Tojo, representing the militarists, became premier and formed a new cabinet in sympathy with his program.

Of the strength of the church in Japan Mr. McCoy added—"Christianity will never be stamped out in Japan. Not a church has been destroyed. All are united into one group, the 'Kirisutokyo Dan' translated 'Churches of Christ in Japan' which is recognized by the Japanese government. The missionary works hard to make himself unnecessary and we have trained some fine leaders who can carry on better than we could in the present war psychology."



SERVING NEW AREAS

A community church is being organized in the center formerly occupied by the Japanese Christian Mission work in Los Angeles. These buildings are located in a very needy part of the city that is sadly underchurched and lacking in social opportunities. In this community now live Mexicans, Chinese, Italians and Americans. Mr. Dan B. Genuing, Jr., has been employed to serve as minister of this new work.

Out of the Emergency Funds in Washington will come the organization and building of a new church among the Yakima Indians. This is being done in connection with the Yakima Christian Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Granger, former missionaries to Puerto Rico and Mexico, have been appointed to this pastoral work among the Yakimas. Mr. and Mrs. Granger will be located at Tappanish, Washington.

Poems of Prison

Miracle Without Miracle

Now I know the miracle that has
not happened *is* the miracle;
to the man who does God's will
is this revealed.

◆

Peace After Suffering

In the morning mist after the storm
how calmly the waves roll up the
beach!
So, to the man who trusts in God,
after suffering, absolute peace.

◆

Accompanying

For the sake of the Lord
to be wrongly accused and taken,
what a joyful privilege—
as *your* companion!

Rev. Kiyozumi Ogawa, pastor of the church founded by Kagawa, was imprisoned with his beloved leader, but in a separate cell and incommunicado in 1940.

To Dr. Ogawa the experience in the solitude of his cell grew profound and took shape in a series of thirty-one syllable poems— bits of carved ivory language. Lacking paper and pencil he composed them mentally and cut them into his memory.

First he felt that Kagawa could not be retained by prison, through a miracle the leader would be released. Hour by hour he waited for such a miracle. Slowly his spirit swung into acceptance: after acceptance came peace; after peace, joy and pride.

The above poems express these three depths of his spiritual experience in prison.

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Emergency Thousand	120.50
Thanksgiving50
Christmas50

\$249.20

TIDINGS RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Burk
Mrs. Anna Carmer
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Geerken (2 years).
Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blair
Mrs. Anna Hirschy (2 years).
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sefton
Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Weaver
Miss Hazel Swinehart

COUNCIL MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

The Ruth Group — **Tuesday**, with Mrs. Robert Truelove, 621 Florence.

The Naomi Group — **Wednesday**, with Mrs. Elmore Schlatter, 926 Lake ave.

The Martha Group — **Wednesday**.

The Esther Group — **Wednesday**, with Mrs. Myrtle Strout, 1924 Spy Run ave.

No one can now say what conditions will be met in China, Japan, India and the Philippines and in other lands at the close of the war. The physical evidence of much of Christianity will be destroyed, **but the spirit of Christian people cannot be crushed.** They have continued to create Christian character even while buildings were being blown to bits and millions of their colleagues were dying in battle or as civilians in bombed areas.

(Higdon—World Call.)

I MET GOD IN THE MORNING

I met God in the morning,
When the day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long His presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me
And we walked in perfect calmness
On every troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered
Other ships were sore distressed,
And the wind that seemed to blow them,
Brought to us both peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings
With a deep remorse of mind.
When I too had loosed the moorings
With His presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret
Learned by many a troubled way,
I must need God in the morning
If I want Him through the day.

NEW MINISTER

Reverend Harry W. Mount has been called to the pastorate of our church at Kendallville. He will begin his ministry there on Nov. 22. He comes from the church at Rochester, Indiana.

ILLNESS

The father of Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mrs. Emmett Young and Mrs. Eppie Baker is quite ill at the home of the latter. He is 87 years of age.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following is the nominating committee for the annual election of church officers for the coming year. The nominating committee will present its report of nominees on Sunday, Nov. 8. The election will be held Nov. 15, 1942.

J. R. Coar, chairman
Chester L. Follis
Charles Young
Mrs. John Sutton
Eppie Baker

SOLOIST NEXT SUNDAY

Mr. B. Fred Wise, Chicago, will be a guest soloist at the English Lutheran Church next Sunday night, Nov. 1, 8 p.m., in Hayden's Oratorio, "The Creation."

Mr. Wise is a Disciple and for a number of years has been director of music for our International Conventions. He is minister of music at the University Church of Disciples in Chicago. Disciples will want to hear him.

FIRST CHRISTIAN T I D I N G S

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YOU CAN HELP

Wouldn't this old world be better,
If the folks we meet would say,
"I know something good about you,"
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each handclasp, warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance,
"I know something good about you"?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If the good that's in us all,
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?
I know something good about you!
You know something good about me!

BE GRATEFUL

Be grateful for the kindly friends that walk
along our way;
Be grateful for the skies of blue that smile
from day to day;
Be grateful for the health your own, the
work you find to do.
For round about you there are men less
fortunate than you.

—Edgar A. Guest.

ANNUAL ELECTION

On Sunday, November 15, will be held the Annual Election of Officers. Twenty-nine regular officers are to be chosen at this election: four elders, eleven deacons, two deaconesses, two trustees, a financial secretary and four assistants, two treasurers, a church school superintendent and assistant, a clerk, and some to fill unexpired terms. The slate will be presented by the nominating committee to the congregation next Sunday. Other nominations may be made by the congregation if they wish. The election will be a week from Sunday, November 15.

"The diamond cannot be polished without friction; neither can man be perfected without trials."—Messenger.

HONOR ROLL PLAQUE

<i>Nathan R. Chaney</i>	<i>William Bloom</i>
<i>George H. Koegel</i>	<i>Malvin J. Leykauf</i>
<i>James C. Koegel</i>	<i>Homer H. Stevenson</i>
<i>Walter C. Clendennon</i>	<i>Dean Reese</i>
<i>Homer L. Clendennon</i>	<i>Wayne H. Imbody</i>
<i>Kenneth L. Tracy</i>	<i>James W. Hirschy</i>
<i>Hugh Wilson</i>	<i>Robert D. Cruse</i>
<i>Clinton Keith</i>	<i>Maurice Siples</i>
<i>Edward R. Brolin</i>	<i>Jesse Dehl</i>
<i>William R. Miller</i>	<i>Philip R. Horn</i>
<i>Henry P. Kolkman</i>	<i>Merle Morkoetter, Jr.</i>
<i>Verne Rodiger</i>	<i>Thomas Watson</i>
<i>Gale L. Spittler</i>	<i>Richard Drewitt</i>

Twenty-six men from First Christian are now serving their country in some branch of military service, the Army, Navy, Marine or Air Corps. In recognition of their loyalty in response to the Call of Duty, First Christian next Sunday will post an Honor Roll Plaque in the sanctuary. The name of each enlisted man will be read as the Plaque is unveiled.

The unveiling will be at the 10:30 morning worship service. The committee in charge of the Honor Roll Plaque is Mrs. Leo Miller, chairman, Mrs. J. C. Koegel and Mrs. Fred Wilson.

Above is the roster of those who represent First Christian to date in the Armed Forces of the country and whose names will appear on the Plaque. As other men are called to the service their names will be inscribed on the roster. Relatives and friends are requested to see that names are called in to the chairman of the Plaque committee, Mrs. Leo Miller, H-76119.

The relatives and friends of all service men are cordially invited to attend the special services next Sunday.

MILK FUND FOR ORPHANS

The Dorcas Club is taking offerings for their Milk Fund for the children in the Cleveland Home. Due to present conditions it is impossible to give the annual supper for the Milk Fund. Give your gift to Mrs. Jack Varner or Mrs. Paul Whitton by next Sunday. Last year the Dorcas Club raised \$58.00 for the fund. People are more able to give today than a year ago, and the need is greater. Remember—children need milk.



"REACHING PEOPLE"

"One home in every four is touched by crime every year."

"One divorce in every six marriages."

"60,000,000 men, women and children in the United States are unchurched."

"27,000,000 American youth under 21 years of age receive no religious instruction."

"14,000,000 petty crimes each year."

"Racial and minority groups suffer from ostracism and persecution constantly."

These are gloomy statements and explain a statement made recently that "America is in danger of doing by default what totalitarian nations are doing by deliberate intent." To Christians—members of Sunday School Classes, churches, Disciples of Christ—these statements become a concern of great importance. National and state leaders because of them have outlined the United Christian Education Advance. As a religious body the Disciples of Christ have thirty-six state secretaries, and thirty-six national and area directors of religious education who among other things are preparing churches to reach the unreached groups in their communities. Last year the department of religious education issued 13,956 credits in leadership training, conducted ten laboratory schools, 20 pioneer camps, 20 adult conferences, 103 young people's conferences, and maintained four Bible Chairs at University centers. We have today ten colleges training youth for the leadership of the church.

★ AN EDUCATIONALLY EFFECTIVE CHURCH

If a church is educationally effective it will do four things:

(1) It will have a planned, well-rounded Christian education program for children, youth and adults of the church.

(2) It will enlist and train recruits for teaching and church leadership.

(3) It will establish and maintain a plan of cooperation between the church and the home.

(4) It will share with other churches in the extension efforts for making the community more Christian.

JOT 'EM DOWN STORE

(From Hazel Green News)

A visit to our used clothing store open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, proves to be quite interesting. Women are seen diligently seeking through assorted garments in one of the bins with all the enthusiasm of bargain basement fans. A mother with four small children becomes engrossed in her "shopping" and lays aside so many things that her husband begins to wonder if he will be able to pay the bill. A woman, who must walk several miles each day to her appointment, brings a sweater back to the clerk and points out a small hole. The clerk remarks that perhaps the flaw went by unobserved and lowers the price from 25c to 20c. A young man with "much patched" trousers asks the price of a "two pants suit." He is willing to pay \$1.00 but not \$1.75. He finally removes his tattered sewn together hat and tries on the 25-cent felts.

People here must face increased cost of food and clothing and fuel, with no increase in income. More and more gifts of clothing are coming from all over the brotherhood. Contributions not only help meet the needs of many people here but provide the school with funds to help a number of boys and girls to an education and training in Christian living that otherwise they could not have.

★ SCI BUYS CHARACTER BONDS

The Magnolia Conference is a Negro Conference held each year at S. C. I. This year for the first time this youth group participated in the purchase of character bonds. The total received was unexpectedly high, \$26.00 in all was given by these young people. Among the givers was Alma Lee, who for a number of years walked seven miles each way to school at S. C. I. Later her family moved nearer the campus and she had only five miles a day to walk. This year she will be at the dormitory. When the Dean of the Conference protested that she was giving too much, Alma Lee answered, "Sure, I'd eat it up anyway," and give it she did.

George Oliver Taylor, director of young people's conferences, reports that the response has been unusually fine from character bonds this year.

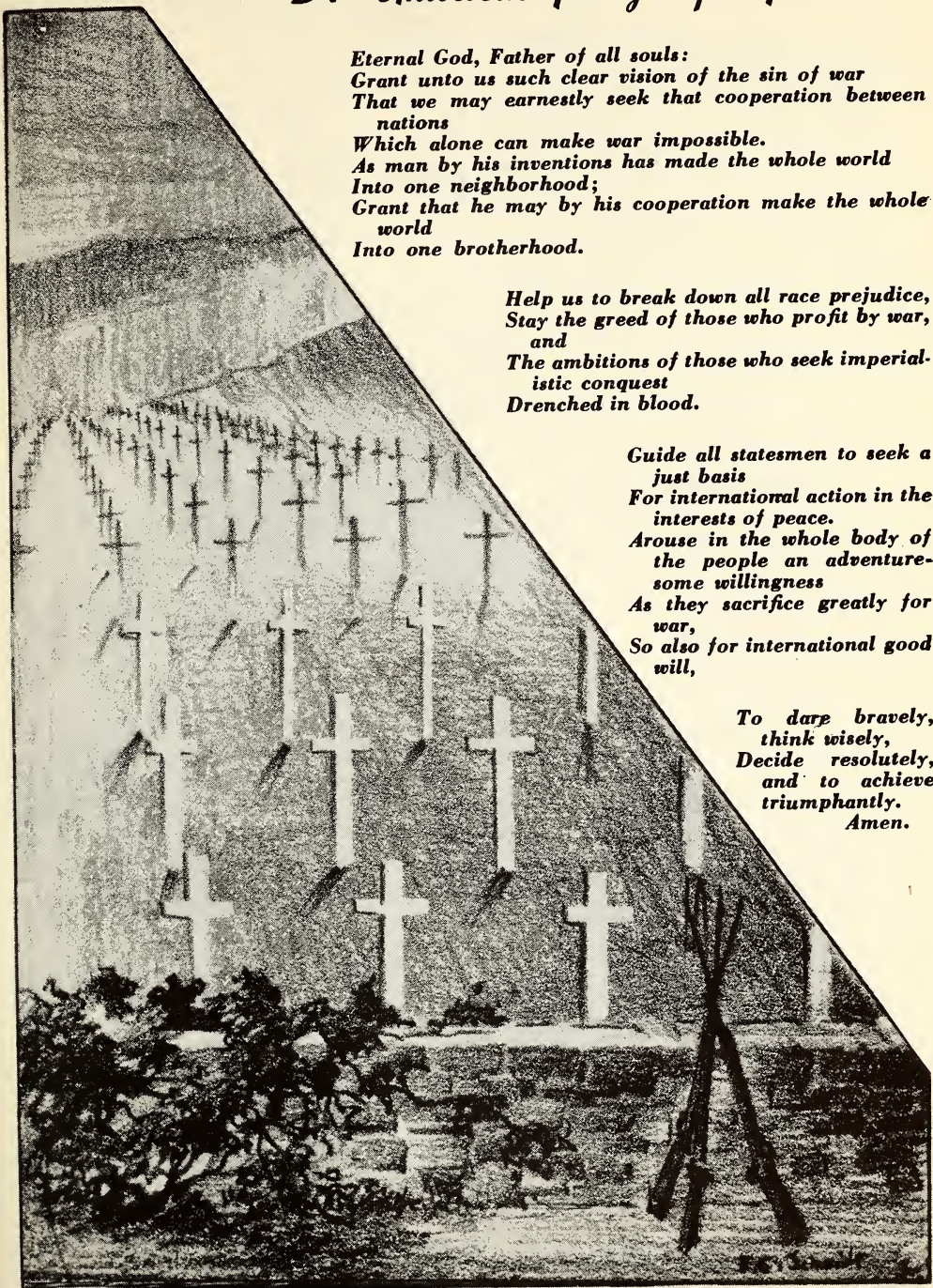
A Universal Prayer for Peace

*Eternal God, Father of all souls:
Grant unto us such clear vision of the sin of war
That we may earnestly seek that cooperation between
nations
Which alone can make war impossible.
As man by his inventions has made the whole world
Into one neighborhood;
Grant that he may by his cooperation make the whole
world
Into one brotherhood.*

*Help us to break down all race prejudice,
Stay the greed of those who profit by war,
and
The ambitions of those who seek imperial-
istic conquest
Drenched in blood.*

*Guide all statesmen to seek a
just basis
For international action in the
interests of peace.
Arouse in the whole body of
the people an adventure-
some willingness
As they sacrifice greatly for
war,
So also for international good
will,*

*To dare bravely,
think wisely,
Decide resolutely,
and to achieve
triumphantly.
Amen.*



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OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY

Regular	\$118.41
Missions	7.24
Building Fund	1.20
Loose	6.25
First Christian Tidings	4.50
Emergency Thousand	97.00
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	\$234.60

TIDINGS RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Crouse
Mrs. Henry Ehle (2 years)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frame
Mrs. David Hogg
Mrs. J. L. Michael
Mrs. Harrison Simon
Mrs. C. W. Winfield
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varner

WORSHIP

A stranger, passing some mines in Pennsylvania, asked a little boy why the field was so full of horses.

"These horses are worked in the mine during the week," replied the boy, "and are brought up into the light on Sunday to keep them from going blind."

The application is apparent. Do not allow yourself to go spiritually blind. Come to Church on Sunday and let the light of God's Word shine into your heart.

Marcus Aurelius says: "Man must be arched and buttressed from within, else the temple wavers to the dust." Worship buttresses and arches life.

Who walks alone with God is filled with secret glory; who walks alone with men walks wearily; but who walks together with God and men overflows with radiance, shedding it all about him.

—Clipped.

Where is the Disciples "Jot Em Down Store" located? How is the war affecting them? See page 2.

REPAIR OF FURNACES

This week some much needed repairs have been made on the three furnaces of the church. The furnaces have been cleaned out and all smoke-pipes have been replaced with new ones. The cost of the repairs has been \$84.50.

JUST ARRIVED

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Harrold, of West Creighton Church, on the arrival of Patricia Kay, at the Lutheran Hospital on October 31.

BIRTHDAYS

Gary Dennis Leggett, 474 Stadium Drive, celebrates his first birthday, November 14.

Janice Dianna Broxon, R. R. 6, celebrates her fourth birthday, November 15.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mr. W. B. Shively, R. R. 6, is in the St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 223.

Mrs. Rhoda Depottie, 3001 S. Lafayette, has been confined to her bed for the past week. She hopes to be up and around in another week.

Mr. William Yagerlehner, 2217 John Street, suffered a light stroke about ten days ago, is doing nicely at home.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan, 2113 W. Main St., in the passing of their infant baby last week.

To Mrs. Alice Varner, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varner in the passing of their loved one Alice, at the Lutheran Hospital Wednesday morning.

MEETINGS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet Friday night, November 6, at the home of Mrs. Mae Sheline, 654 Archer Ave.

The Dorcas Club will meet next Thursday, November 12, at the home of Mrs. A. O. Schell, 325 Esmond.

Don't fail to read "A Universal Prayer for Peace" on page 3.

How far did one girl walk **daily** to attend our mission school at Edwards, Mississippi? How far was her daily round trip? See page 2.

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A. M.

"When we sing and pray, all walls of doubt and fear are broken down."

"I yearn to see you—that I may be encouraged by meeting you, I by your faith and you by mine." Romans 1:11, Moffatt.

"What greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of Worship?"—Emerson.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICES

First Christian will unite with the other downtown churches in the annual observance of Thanksgiving. The service will be held on Thanksgiving evening, Wednesday night, November 25, at the First Methodist church. Rev. B. Brooks Shake of the Wayne Street Methodist church will deliver the Thanksgiving message. First Christian choir, under the direction of Mrs. Guy Abbott, will have charge of the music.

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A MOTHER TO A SON IN SERVICE

Wherever you are tonight, my precious son,
God hold you close, God keep you safe
from harm.

In this strange victory that must be won,
It takes your youth, your strength of heart
and arm.

Your valor and your courage and your might,
To bring to pass the miracle of peace.

To keep you facing forward to the light
That waits ahead for you when war shall
cease.

We must not, dare not face the days alone,
With Him for comrade we can do our part
And staunchly, bravely face the great unknown.

I, too, must be a valiant soldier, for
That is what mothers are when there is war.
Thank God as your companion—O dear
heart.—By Grace Noll Crowell.

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THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Only two more Sunday's until the Thanksgiving offering will be received in the Church School. All classes should endeavor to have as large an offering as possible on this day. There are only four Sunday's in the year when special offerings are taken in the church school classes. The Thanksgiving offering is for Home Missions.

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OUR SYMPATHY

To Mr. George Barbier, 3116 S. Calhoun st., in the passing of his brother last week.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Annual Election of Officers will be held next Sunday. The nominating committee made its report last Sunday. The following is the ballot to be voted on **next Sunday, November 18.** The nominating committee was composed of J. R. Coar, chairman, Mrs. John Sutton, Charles Young, Chester Follis and E. R. Baker.

Elders: (four to be elected)

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J. M. Fitch	Donald Crouse
Owen Vaught	Wayne Meyers
W. G. Harrod	Frank Verner

DEACONS: (eleven to be elected)

Lynn Miller	Harry Imbody
Harold Adams	L. S. Sentman
J. G. Roper	Earl Fusselman
Chester Follis	C. F. Durfee
Ansel Gaskill	Kenneth Sefton
E. R. Baker	Cleo Halleck
Robert Coar	H. P. Love

DEACONESSSES: (two to be elected)

Mrs. Nellie Newland	Mrs. E. R. Baker
Mrs. Leo Miller	Mrs. Charles Young

TRUSTEES: (two to be elected)

Walter Birkhold	C. F. Durfee
A. O. Schell	B. R. McBride

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS:

Robert Clipp, General; Donald Crouse, Asst.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES: (four to be elected)

L. S. Sentman—General.
Chester Fillis—Assistant.
Delmas Young—Assistant.
Floyd Morrical—Assistant.
Ford Robinette—Assistant.

TREASURERS:

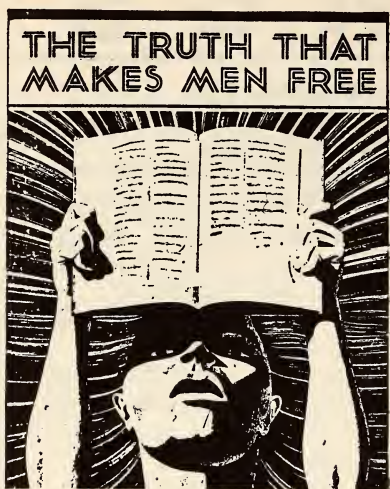
Donald Crouse, Church.
Donald Crouse, Missions.

CHURCH CLERK:

Mrs. Edna Vaught.

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"Blessed are the feet of them who bear good tidings."



A MACEDONIAN CALL

"Our class at Ground Squirrel Christian Church would like to know if you send teachers to conduct classes on teachers courses. We are sadly in need of teachers in our Sunday School, and we have no one to teach us to become teachers. We will appreciate all the information you can give us on the subject."

This is a letter that came to one of the regional directors of Religious Education recently. He was able to say, "Yes" because in his state there are fifty trained workers who have volunteered to give just such service as this for travel and entertainment expense.

FOUR MEXICAN MINISTERS

In Enid, Oklahoma, there is a Mexican Mission started more than 20 years ago by a scientific woman and maintained by her. During these years among these neglected Mexicans there has been Sunday School and church services conducted in Spanish. Although the group has never been more than 25 or 30, four Mexican ministers have come from the Mission and are working in the brotherhood. They are Fred Vasquez, Fidel Reyes, Andres Delgado and Daniel Munoz. The work has been conducted as a local project yet these four young men have been assisted by the State Women's Board of Oklahoma.

LIFE OF AN AREA DIRECTOR OF R. E.

"A trek across the state with a group of youth leaders interested in the abundant life and plans—a long car ride with volunteer workers visiting churches and assisting leaders with program plans, etc.—the visit of a former conferee in the office and home, now a lieutenant enroute to parts unknown—a stop by the wayside to counsel a young man on his decision as a conscientious objector and the brotherhood's interest in his right of conscience—an intimate glimpse into the life of a preacher and his home with a prayer to be helpful at the strategic moment—so on across the days, weeks, months, years—a field-worker in religious education thrills over the continuous growth of Christ's work through teaching in the home, the church and the community. The field worker, with the cooperation of the church leaders, has helped solve the problems of transportation and closed grounds to the extent that all summer conference programs, adult, pioneer and youth carried through. New leaders are assuming responsibilities left by those gone into other areas of service."

OUTREACH OF R. E. IN KANSAS

In a small southwestern Kansas Church a group of young people organized a Gospel team. They went to a near-by school for Sunday afternoon services. The members of the team except one got married, moved away or went to college. The remaining member had had only a grade school education but lots of consecration. He maintained interest in the rural schoolhouse church services. With the help of his local pastor and the moral backing of the church this young farmer provides worship services, Sunday School classes and Christian contacts for about fifty people every Sunday afternoon. Most of these people could not go anywhere else to worship. If it were not for the consecrated leadership of a Kansas boy who was denied education for the ministry but granted encouragement by his local church, many people in this rural community would not have the opportunity for worship and Christian education.

Saving



Civilization

EDUCATION alone will not save civilization. Our educational system is teaching and training the rising generation to think accurately, vision clearly and act intelligently, but these things by themselves are not sufficient. Men must know God, and education that isn't based on the fundamental fact that God is and that men must obey Him can never build a permanent civilization.

CONSTITUTIONS and codes of laws will not save civilization. These things did not save the civilizations of the past nor will they do it today.

MATERIALS will not save civilizations. We can use all the material things at our command—wealth, education, constitutions, laws and institutions of every sort in rebuilding our shattered social system, but these things must come under the sovereignty of God and be made usable in the bringing in of His kingdom.

“The sum of the whole matter is this,” said Woodrow Wilson, “that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the Spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that Spirit. Only thus can discontent be driven out and all the shadows lifted from the road ahead. Here is the final challenge to our churches and to everyone who fears God and loves his country.”—(Editorial in Evangelist.)

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OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Regular	\$56.64
Missions	5.22
Building Fund	1.60
Loose	7.01
Tidings	3.00
Emergency Thousand	19.00
Coal	1.50
Total	\$93.97

TIDINGS RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill (2 years).
Mrs. Grover Chaow.
Mrs. Daisy McIntire.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson.
Mrs. H. J. Bishop.

MILK FUND

The Dorcas Club wishes all members to remember that the children in the Cleveland Home drink milk as all other children do, and that **you** can bring happiness to **yourself** as well as health to them by contributing to the milk fund. Money for the fund will be received any time during November. Last year the Dorcas Club gave \$58.00 to the fund. What we give this year will depend on what you give.

Mrs. Floyd Morrical's brother, Russel Pugh of Montpelier, Ind., was the first soldier to land by plane on the island of New Guinea, so the War Department reports.

**CHILDREN! CHILDREN!
8-12 Years**

A very interesting lesson will be given for the Junior's in the church school rooms next Sunday morning during the church hour. The service will be held under the leadership of Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist and Miss Norma Young.

Older Primary children are also welcome. Parents are urged to make it possible for their children to attend this session.

"In **NO** thing be ye **CARE** full;
In **ALL** things be ye **PRAYER** full;
And with all be ye **THANK** full.
So shall your life be **PEACE** full,
Past human thought **REPOSE** full,
Guarded by **GOD ETERNAL**."

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1942

Receipts

Cash Balance, October 1, 1942.....	\$ 111.69
Regular	421.55
Missions	60.76
Loose	32.71
Initial .....	.25
Tidings	44.50
Thanksgiving	2.50
Christmas	2.50
Christian Youth Fellowship.....	1.59
Emergency Thousand	725.80

\$1,403.85

Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 402.50
Church Supplies and Expenses	111.25
Unified Promotion	60.76
Postage	3.48
Coal	413.14
Utilities	46.28
Gas Allowance	10.00
Tidings	104.27
Service Charge	1.96
Office Supplies	43.63
Pension Fund	100.00
Emergency Thousand—C. Y. F.....	15.00

\$1312.27

Cash Balance	91.58
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\$1403.85

Unpaid Bills:

Interest on Mortgage due 9-1-42.....	\$90.00
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GUESTS LAST SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Delong, 626 Putnam.
Mr. Donald L. Wiggins, 317 E. Jefferson.
Mr. Robert D. Murphy, 317 E. Jefferson.
Mr. Don VanWinkle, 317 E. Jefferson.
Mrs. James Keegar, 2532 Reed.
Pvt. Melvin L. Griggs, Camp Scott, Fort Wayne.
Pvt. Melvin Lasure, Camp Scott, Fort Wayne.
Mrs. N. B. Howe, 1020 Union street.
Mrs. Melvin L. Griggs, Indianapolis.
Mrs. Wynona Halleck, Wabash.
Mrs. Leo West, Wabash.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The Women's Council will meet next Tuesday, November 7, at the church with the following outline:

General Executive Business, 1:00 P. M.
Devotions by Martha Circle.
Program by Rachel Circle, 2:00 P. M.
Every one is urged to attend the above session.

UNITED WAR CHEST

Next Sunday morning special folders will be distributed by the United War Chest organization. Girl Scouts in uniform will distribute the folders. The War Chest slogan is 2 in '42, which means the support of two projects, the army service men at the front and the army of needy civilians at the rear.

Get your folder next Sunday.
Remember, it is 2 in '42.

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M. Every Sunday

And the hour shall be filled with music
With song and praise and prayer,
And the burdens of life lifted,
For all who worship there.

ELECTION RETURNS

The following new officers were elected last Sunday morning. The Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses and Trustees are elected for a period of three years. Other officers are elected annually.

Elders:

J. M. Fitch, W. G. Harrod, Owen Vaught, Donald Crouse.

Deacons:

Robert Coar, Harry Imbody, Kenneth Sefton, C. F. Durfee, Chester Follis, Ansel Gaskill, Earl Fusselman, L. S. Sentman, Harold Adams, E. R. Baker, Cleo Halleck.

Deaconesses:

Mrs. Leo Miller, Mrs. Nellie Newland.

Trustees:

Walter Birkhold, C. F. Durfee.

Church School Superintendents:

General: Robert Clipp; Assistant, Donald Crouse.

Church Treasurers:

Church: Donald Crouse; Missions, Donald Crouse.

Financial Secretaries:

General: L. S. Sentman; Assistants: Floyd Morrical, Chester Follis, Ford Robinette, Delmas Young.

THE LAYMEN

When you see a church that's empty
Though its doors are open wide,
It's not the church that's dying,
But the laymen who have died,
For it's not by song and sermon only
That the church's work is done,
But the laymen of the country
Who for God must carry on.

—Edgar A. Guest.

First Christian was favored last Sunday by a solo by Miss Shirley Helmuth. Miss Helmuth was formerly a member of First Christian.

Blessed are the **poor in spirit:**

There's is the Kingdom of heaven.

—Jesus.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Thanksgiving Offering in the church school will be taken next Sunday. The offering goes to Home Missions, religious work in our home land.

Wilbur C. Parry, associate director of Special Days, says:

It Is A Fact That

Millions of homes are being disrupted by Wartime Dislocations.

American community life is being remade.

It may be either Christian or pagan.

The future of America is bound up with the future of all mankind.

The church is reaching less than half of the people of America.

• Christ Is Counting On Us

• The Church must be strong to carry its task today.

• The Church can only be as strong as **WE** make it.

• The Thanksgiving Offering will strengthen the Church to serve Christ and meet the needs of His people through Christian Education and State Missions.

• Your offering will make a difference.

• We dare not fail **NOW**.

• Let us demonstrate our concern by our offering on November 22.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The downtown churches will hold a union Thanksgiving Service next Wednesday night, November 25. The service will be held at the First Methodist church, with the Reverend B. Brooks Shake as the speaker. Union services are being held also in five other sections of the city. The offering taken at these services is contributed to the home for working girls supported by the Womens Christian Temperance Union.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE MEN

New names are being added to our Honor Roll Service Plaque. Hubert Tharp and Karl Meredith, have entered the service.

Two of our men in the Armed Forces were home for the week-end and attended services last Sunday morning, Private William Broom, Gunter Field, Montgomery, Alabama, and Seaman Second Class Wayne Imbody, Service School, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Blessed are the **pure in heart:**

They shall see God.

—Jesus.



A GRACE FOR THANKSGIVING

"Eternal Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we come unto thee in gladness and in gratitude for the fertility of fields and groves, for the constancy of sun and shower, for the patient labor of unseen hands out of which this our food has come. Speed thou our thoughts, O God, to those who sit today at meager or empty boards. Strengthen thou the persons and the forces that in all lands and creeds and parties, sacrificially labor to shape a just and brotherly world so that this hunger will not always be a part of our world. Thus may thy will be done throughout thy bountiful earth. Amen."

AN AFRICAN THANKSGIVING

"As the first faint threads of the waking sun spangled through the waving palms, scores of tiny native villages wakened to a special Thanksgiving morning. Children rushed to their storage sheds for their thanksgiving offering to God. Men and women hoisted huge sacks, some holding two or three bushels of beans, others full of peanuts or corn, and placed them upon their close cropped heads. From daybreak until ten o'clock people streamed from every direction, bearing on their heads baskets, gasoline tins, or grain sacks full of the products of their harvest.

When they had come together in the little church someone began to sing. The whole congregation rose and with one glorious resonant voice pealed out a hymn of thanksgiving. Children from all parts of the church, came forward depositing their gifts in front of the altar, leaving their money on the table. Then the men and women came bringing their heavier presents and emptying the sacks and baskets and tins until the piles of food hid the altar rail. Joy from their hearts showed in their faces and song. Out of their hearts they sang the Tswa version of 'All Hail the Power of Jesus Name,' bowing in humble gratitude for a gracious benediction."

GOD BLESSES THE GIFT

Roger Babson said several years ago, "If the tithing process were in operation it would give churches of this country an income amounting to about \$4,000,000,000 a year." These figures seem extraordinary, but on checking them no flaws can be found. The facts are that the church people of the country are giving less than 1% of their income to the church and missionary work.

Less than 10% of the church does 90% of the actual work. Less than 50% of the membership comes to Sunday School, 30% to morning worship, 15% to evening worship, 15% to prayer meeting.

What marvelous things God has done with our small offering!

Brethren Missionary Herald.

*"One very earnest prayer is mine today,
The same that was so sweet yesterday—
'Thank Thee, O Father!' This is what I
say."*

—Japanese Leper

*"O Christ, we come into Thy presence and
how beautiful it is! There is no place so
beautiful as the place where Thou art!"*

—India



GLORIOUS MAJESTY

Bless the Eternal, O my soul!

Eternal One, my God, thou art most great, arrayed in glorious majesty!

Thou wrappest thyself in a robe of light, thou spreadest the sky like a tent, thou buildest thy chambers on the waters above; thou makest clouds thy chariot, thou ridest on the wings of the wind; thou makest thy messengers, fire and flame thy servants. . . .

How manifold thy works, Eternal One, all of them wisely made!

Yonder the sea lies vast and broad, with its countless swarms, with creatures small and great, with fleets of the nautilus, with leviathan at his play!

The world is full of thy creatures, all looking to thee for their food in season due; what thou givest, that they gather, feasting from thine open hand.

But when thy face is hidden, they are scared, when thou recallest their breath, they die.

Yet a breath from thee brings them into being, renewing the face of the earth.

Forever may the glorious might of the Eternal last!

May the Eternal joy in his own works!

(Psalms 104:1-4, 24-31—Moffatt)

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Building Fund	3.40
Loose	9.15
Tidings	1.50
Emergency Thousand	28.00
Thanksgiving	1.50
Total	\$129.15

TIDING RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Eyer.
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Green.
Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Anthony Nomina, 619 Kenwood Ave.
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hartv, 1215½ Stophlet
Mrs. G. C. Cahow, 1422 Fourth.
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Green, R. R. 4.
Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, 3915 S. Lafayette.
Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan, 1116 E. Creighton.

A FRIEND

A Friend is a sudden flower
Along the rambling way,
A gently falling shower
On the field in early May.
A Friend is a ship on the ocean
When ours is wrecked by the wave,
A place of quiet devotion
When troubled thoughts enslave.

—Clipped.

Oh, do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be
stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to
your powers. Pray for powers equal to your
tasks! Then the doing of your work shall be
no miracle. **But you shall be a miracle.**
Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at
the richness of life which has come in you
by the grace of God.

— Phillips Brooks.

Blessed are the **meek**:
They shall be comforted.
—Jesus.

C. Y. F.

The young people of the Christian Youth
Fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams,
sponsors, will hold a fellowship hour next
Sunday evening at 4:30 P.M. Fellowship,
Fun, and Food with a devotional meeting at
6:30 P.M.

Girls are requested to bring sandwiches.

GUESTS LAST SUNDAY

Mr. John Newell, 2020 N. Clinton.
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Banet, 2026½ S. Clinton.
Mr. and Mrs. Shockney, 706 Colerick.
Mr. C. R. Frye, Y.M.C.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Max C. Yelton, 706 Colerick
Mr. Leslie Clark, Mansfield, Ohio
Mrs. Edwin Leigh, 1740 St. Joe Blvd.

The Juniors are collecting Bible pictures,
also educational pictures torn from mag-
azines, to send to our missionaries in Mexico.
Please help by leaving same with a Junior
or to the janitor.

WHICH ARE YOU?

There are three types of Christians who
respond to the call to service:

1. Rowboat Christians—have to be pushed
wherever they go.
2. Sailboat Christians—always go with the
wind.
3. Steamboat Christians—make up their
minds where they ought to go and go there,
regardless of wind or weather.—Clipped.

**Judge not and ye shall not be judged; con-
demn not, and ye shall not be condemned;
forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.—St. Luke,
6:37.**

NEW MEMBERS

First Christian was happy last Sunday
morning to receive into its fellowship Mr. and
Mrs. Hugh Tracey, 4131 Warsaw, who made
their confession. Mr. Tracey expects to enter
the Service real soon. How beautiful to have
a young man dedicate his heart to Christ be-
fore he dedicates life to his country.

HELPERS WANTED

Two families in our church are in need of
help in the home to take care of invalid per-
sons. Any aged person wishing to give as-
sistance call the minister.

JUST ARRIVED

Michael Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. R. M.
Lighty, 509 E. Lewis St., on November 3.
Teresa Lucille, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Eyer,
2131 Alabama, at Lutheran Hospital on No-
vember 19.

Blessed are the **merciful**:
They shall obtain mercy.
—Jesus.

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LET US BE THANKFUL

He whose heart holds nought of gratitude
Indeed is desolate;
Who walks through all the beauty of the days,
Too blind, too swift to wait
To see God's hand back of the sun and rain,
Back of his loaf of bread,
Or back of his cup of water, goes with his
thirst

Unquenched, and his soul unfed.
Surely for eyes to see and for ears to hear
We should be glad;
Surely for the countless common joys of life
That we have had
Thanks should arise as clear as a lark's
bright song

Above a field;
Surely there is no year that does not hold
Some golden yield.
Let us be thankful then, let us give praise
To God as we count the gleanings of our days.
—Grace Noll Crowell.

Never, perhaps, was there a time when we
have more reason to be thankful than now.
When so many peoples of the world are suffering
and dying, when so many people have been
driven from homes and homelands, when so many
people have been robbed of life and liberty, can we
not still find many things for which to be thankful.

Let us be Thankful.

Let us express our thankfulness. An extra
envelope may be found in your carton for the
expression of your thankfulness. It is in your
carton of church envelopes. Let us be thankful
we live in a land where we can still worship.
Your church—Serve it or Lose it.

—:—
"In Men whom men condemn as ill
I find so much of goodness still,
In men whom men pronounce divine
I find so much of sin and blot,
I do not dare to draw a line
Between the two, where God has not."
—From Joaquin Miller's "Byron."

—:—
The Church of Christ is not a couch on
which to rest.

"I'M SORRY, GOD"

"I'm sorry, God, but my gas is all gone. I
would like to go to church, but you see I just
can't. I haven't attended much lately, because
I knew this gas rationing was coming, and
there were so many places I wanted to go
while I could get there and back. I fully
thought that when rationing came I could go
to church every Sunday, but you see that I
can't, **don't you God?** I have to drive my
car to work, and I have to do some visiting,
and I have to drive it to some parties, and
to the movies, too. And that takes all my
gas.

I guess you'll have to get along without
me for the duration, God. Really, I'm sorry,
but it costs too much to go to church on the
bus or street car, and it's a long way to the
car line, too. And it takes so long to get
there, with all the waiting for cars on Sunday.
And then sometimes it is raining, and this
winter it will be snowing and cold. And one
thing certain, I can't walk. Why, I haven't
walked to church since I was just a youngster.
A whole bunch of us used to walk two
miles there and two miles back, but those
were in the good old days. I wouldn't think
of doing that now. Sorry, but you see how
it is, don't you God?"

How many church members are whining
around to God that way? Maybe Hitler was
right when he said we had gone soft. Christians
should prove him wrong by increased church
attendance, even under difficulties. Remember
the admonition, "forsake not the assembling of
yourselves together."

From Creightonian,
West Creighton Christian Church

MORE NAMES ON PLAQUE

The names of Robert and Raymond Finton
have been added to our Honor Service
Plaque. They were members of our church
school. Robert is in the army and is stationed
at Panama. Raymond is in the navy and is at
Great Lakes. The latter will be home for
Thanksgiving.

HOME FROM CAMP

Several of our boys have been home on furlough
recently. A week ago Sunday Billy Broom and
Wayne Imbody were home. Last Sunday Bill
Miller attended services; Clinton Keith is on
furlough.

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Not every person is prospered by prosperity.



EVANGELISM in the CONGO

Last year there were 906 evangelists maintained in the Congo field by Disciples of Christ in 882 villages supervised by six stations. In one year there were 2121 persons received into the fellowship of the church. This made a total of 51,641 disciples in the Congo.

Word comes recently from the Mondombe station that that station continues to experience what almost amounts to a Mass Movement. During the first four months of this year 711 persons were received into the church. These added to the thousands who have already confessed Christ during the twenty-two years of the work at Mondombe bring the total to 14,700. Out of the midst of this host have come some of the most outstanding leaders with visions of the Kingdom of God.

Mass Movements are being faced in other places in Africa other than in the Belgian Congo. It has its compensations but at the same time it gives the missionaries on the field a great responsibility.

STATE SOCIETIES USE EMERGENCY MILLION

From every state where Emergency Million has gone there comes word of the excellent use to which that part of the funds allotted to state societies is being placed. Ministers are being located in defense areas, debts are being paid and budgets balanced, workers and evangelists are at work in neglected rural fields; new churches are being erected, new churches established in unchurched industrial sites, dying church revived, Disciples of Christ enabled to take their share of responsibility for Christian education in new industrial centers, extra workers located near military camps.

ADULT CONFERENCE IN INDIA



A Bible Class in Muncie, Indiana sent Don MacGavron a gift to use as he thought best for the furtherance of the Growing Church in India. He writes, "We decided to call 6 to 8 people, men and women, from each of our newer villages together for a five-day-conference-revival meeting. We wanted to teach and inspire them to lift their minds off the famine in the midst of which we are and fix them on the Eternal City, to give them a foretaste of heaven, and an acquaintance with their new comrades and a new vision of what the Christian life means."

The village pastors nominated their groups. Not as many came as they had planned but altogether there were 38 men and 42 women from 19 villages. They lived under the huge mango trees and although the thermometer registered 110 each day and every night rain threatened they had a wonderful time.

Mr. MacGavron sums up the results—"The Christian life was recognized as never before and embraced."

EMERGENCY MILLION MOVES FORWARD

On October 25th the pledges to Emergency Million reached \$725,000.00. Of this amount \$450,000.00 had been paid in cash. \$275,000.00 must be paid before the 30th of June, 1943, to complete the Emergency Million. C. O. Hawley, Director of the Emergency Million effort says, "It must be remembered that Emergency Million is not complete until the total \$1,000,000.00 has been paid in cash for the work of the Emergency Million. Many encouraging reports are coming from the field urging that this effort be completed quickly."



THE SUPREME TEST IN TIME OF A CRISIS

"Either we must live dangerously in the world today, making an unprecedented adventure toward Jesus, relying wholly on the guidance of His living Spirit as at the beginning, or the church will disintegrate and decay. . . .

The world will never believe in Christ until those who love Him love one another well enough to live and toil together in the spirit of His life and the service of those for whom He died. If the church cannot realize the law of love in its fellowship, it will be impotent if not insignificant in the days that lie ahead, and the faith of Jesus will fulfill itself in other ways.

If the old hurt and heartache of the world is to be healed, if there is to be love where now there is hate; if bitter racial rancors are to be cleansed away, if the shadow of war is to be lifted from the life of man, setting us free to create a world fellowship; if the race is to be led toward a juster, wiser, more merciful social order, and the light of the gospel sent into all the dark corners of the earth—it will be the union of those who have found in Jesus the way, the truth, and the life, by a Pentecost of love and a baptism of brotherhood. Nothing can save the church and make it equal to the tragic necessities of our age except the power of Him who created it—nothing but the red passion of the love of God and the white fire of His Spirit in our hearts."

—Joseph Fort Newton

NEW MEMBERS

The spirit of the morning worship was heightened last Sunday by new members coming into our fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton C. Cramer, 1017 College st., came to us from the St. Paul's Methodist church.

Miss Georgianna Hansen, 2014 N. Clinton st., came from the Medaryville Christian church.

Mr. Wayne Tracey, 2015 Frary st., made the Good Confession. Wayne expects to enter the Services real soon. Jesus said seek First the Kingdom of God and other things will be added. How beautiful to witness young men giving Christ first place before dedicating their lives to their country.

RUMOR

Kill a rumor on the spot,
Let it die and be forgot.
If you scorn to pass it on,
It will soon be dead and gone.
Be polite, but be discreet.
Ugly stories don't repeat.
If it's whispered unto you,
You can bet it isn't true.
If it's good news for the foe,
Ten to one it isn't so.
To be silent's very wise.
Unrepeated rumor dies.
If it's vicious, if it's vile
Think it over for awhile.
And then kill it. Be the one
Much too smart to pass it on!
—Edgar A. Guest.

ON OUR CRADLE ROLL

Elizabeth Ann Wingett, 3409 Holton ave., celebrates her third birthday, December 12.

Carol Joan Green, R. R. 4, celebrates her first birthday, December 2.

Dale Edward Craig, 116 E. Creighton, celebrates his first birthday, December 9.

JUST MARRIED

Richard Teeters, 311 Elizabeth st., to Miss Georgianna Hansen, 2014 N. Clinton, at the altar on Thanksgiving day. They will reside at 2014 N. Clinton. Mrs. Teeters united with First Christian last Sunday.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. Delmas Young, R. 9, is ill at home with tonsillitis.

Mrs. Ota Field, 618 Archer, is in the Lutheran hospital.

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Tidings	2.00
Emergency Thousand.....	40.00
Thanksgiving	12.30
Total	\$158.56

TIDING RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Sonner (2 years)

Mr. and Mrs. George Krall

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brands

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bracey

Miss Evelyn Knight

DEACONS SERVING DURING DECEMBER

Delmas Young, captain	Floyd Morrical
B. R. McBride	Harold Bowker
Ray Herron	Ansel Gaskill
Elmore Schlatter	J. G. Roper

CHRISTMAS IN THE CLEVELAND HOME

Due to prevailing conditions the Dorcas Club has appointed a committee to contact members who have previously given and others who would like to share in the giving to receive cash donations. Heretofore, the club has been responsible for the giving of gifts to the Cleveland Home.

C. Y. F.

The Christian Youth Fellowship will meet at 5:30 next Sunday evening. There will be an hour of fellowship and recreation — no lunch. Devotions at 6:30, with Wayne Tracey as discussion leader for older group. Mr. and Mrs. Adams in charge of high school group. 20 persons were present last Sunday.

CIRCLE MEETING

Esther circle with Mrs. F. H. Hilker, 926 High st., Wednesday, December 2. 10c Christmas exchange.

If we have Christ we will be ready to go and to forego.

God cares not for what you have but for what you are.

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SILENT MOMENT

Next Monday will be the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. It is just a year since our country was attacked.

Pursuant to a request of the Board of Chaplains of the Council of Civilian Defense the churches of Fort Wayne will pause in their worship next Sunday, December 6, for "a period of prayer, penitence and petition to Almighty God for His guidance in this time of stress and strain."

In accordance with their request "the names of the men who are serving in the armed forces be read, . . . and special prayers be offered for their protection and guidance of these men by an all-seeing God and a Divine Providence."

It is requested that the **relatives** and **friends** of all enlisted men be in their houses of worship next Sunday for this period of silent prayer for our men and our country, and for the speedy coming of a just and lasting peace for all peoples.

The American Legion has requested all World War I Veterans to attend public worship next Sunday.

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

The **Story of Christmas** in pantomime, pageantry and song will be given on Sunday, December 20. The program will be directed by Mr. Lynn Miller. Lynn expects to enter the service immediately following the holidays and desires to use his talents for his church before going.

YOUR GIVING IS THEIR LIVING

Over 1000 needy Children and Aged People in our homes are depending on the church for their care during the coming months. The Christmas offering in the church school on December 20 goes for Benevolence. Make Christmas a "Christmas for Benevolence." **Your** Christmas offering is their Bread-and-Butter fund.

When you and I and we and they
The brotherhood of man display,
Then yours and mine and ours and theirs
Will bring the answer to our prayer.—
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

BUY BONDS AND BAN BEER

Morning Worship 10:30 Every Sunday

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.
O, enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name Always,
For it is seemly so to do.

END OF AN ERA! WHERE WILL YOU SPEND SUNDAY?

For several weeks we have been offering the alibi for not attending church that we must go out to old aunt Mary's ere the day of Rationing comes. Well, we have reached the end of the "era of going." Now what can we say? Now what will we do? . . . for one thing we will not go so far from home. So we will have time to go to church.

We are sorry you do not have an unlimited supply of gas so you can go where and as far as you wish, but we will be mighty happy to see you at church next Sunday, and the Sunday's following.

The war has taught us one thing, namely, that we cannot **have** everything we **want** nor **do** everything we **wish**. So let's do the fundamental things first. Jesus said seek ye **first** the kingdom of God.

Nothing would please Herr Hitler more than to destroy our "freedoms." The easiest and quickest way to help him destroy one of them is to stay away from church. After all, of what value is the freedom to worship if we do not avail ourselves of the privilege it grants. If we are not going to use it we might as well not have it. Let's keep it while we have it, so we'll always have it to keep.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Immediately following the morning worship next Sunday the officers of the church will meet to organize the several Boards of the church. Chairmen and vice-chairmen for the Official Board, Board of Elders, Board of Deacons, Board of Deaconesses and Trustees will be chosen.

The members of the board are requested to be present next Sunday and remain for the election of chairmen.

BUY BONDS AND BAN BEER



ON EARTH PEACE GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN



Christmas is more than a gay holiday season to be enjoyed—it is an eternal promise to be realized and safe-guarded for generations yet unborn. It can, and must, and will be kept because its reality is spiritual, and can withstand all the blasting of the hatred of the world. In spite of the anguish of war, and the darkness of death, this year, 1942, men will find again their ways to the manger of Him, whose birth the angels heralded with anthems of peace. "The people that sat in darkness saw a great light and to them that sat in the region and shadow of death, to them did light spring up."



DISCIPLES AND AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The International Convention at Grand Rapids recommended at its annual meeting this year that all the churches of the Brotherhood observe Bible Sunday, December 13th. The recommendation is as follows:

"Be it resolved that the great work and present need of the American Bible Society be called to the attention of our churches. This Society is supplying our own missionaries with Scriptures in Puerto Rico, Argentina, Mexico, Paraguay, China, and until recent months Japan and the Philippines. It is sending Gospels and New Testaments to prisoners of war in every language, and has already given one half million New Testaments to our own service men."

The curtailment of the work of the great Foreign Bible Societies, the responsibilities for translating, publishing, and distributing Scriptures throughout the world rests on the American Bible Society.

"EACH ONE TEACH ONE"

"During the next fifty years the world may expect to see half a billion new readers step out of the ranks of the illiterate and this constitutes one of the major world problems." So predicts Dr. Frank C. Laubach, the greatest literacy expert in the world. In his lifetime, he has seen the results of the growing literacy of Asia, Africa, South America, and the islands of the world. As a young missionary in the Philippine Islands he started his work of teaching natives to read the Bible for themselves. In three years 41,000 people learned to read by his method, one of the rules of which is "each one teach one."

A literacy campaign was begun four years ago in India and is now in full swing. Eighty-five per cent of the people there are illiterate and yet today charts, primers, and newspapers are being printed in thirteen of the many languages of India. Whole villages are having a new world opened up for them. Village men and women go to night school and learn in six weeks what formerly took six years to learn.

Since Bible reading and Bible study make available to millions of illiterates the rich heritage of the gospel, this new literacy opens up vast opportunities for Christian learning, but it also involves a grave responsibility for the Church.



THE BIBLE IN AMERICA

The first copy of the King James Version to come to America was brought by John Winthrop in 1630, an edition of 1614.

The first Bible printed in America was the Eliot Indian Bible in 1663 and the second in German by Christopher Sauer.

The first Bible Society organized in the U. S. A. was in Philadelphia, in 1808.

The first Bible to reach America was the Latin Vulgate as early as 1000 A.D.; second and third the French and German in 1562; fourth the English, 1579. It is possible that an old Norse translation was brought here soon after 1220.

Of the first ten colleges founded here before the Revolution nine were planted by religious bodies and the Bible was the basic text book.



AMID THE STORM THE LIGHT STILL SHINES

The Bible is the world's light in 1942 as never before. Since the first world war until this year its light has been shed in 271 new languages. Twenty-two languages which formerly had had only portions of the Scriptures now have full translations. In Latin America last year the American Bible Society distributed 1,361,019 copies of the Scriptures or 31% more than in any previous year. The Latin American needs for next year have been conservatively estimated at 3,000,000 copies.

In China the distribution of the Bible has been on many occasions very dramatic. Thirty tons of Bibles were shipped to West China by varied means—by mail, by freight, and even by plane. In 1941 the American Bible Society gave to the Japanese Bible Society the Tokyo Bible House and from this center Bibles are still being distributed. Over 200,000 Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scriptures printed in 25 languages have been put in the hands of prisoners of war in Europe, including Russian prisoners who welcomed them. German prison camps acknowledged receipt of 95% of those sent. Altogether the American Bible Society distributed last year in 40 countries, 8,096,069 copies of the Bible printed in 147 languages—the largest number since 1931.

***“O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky.”***

MEETINGS

Friendly Bible Class with Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater ave., Friday, December 4th.

Progressive Class—Annual Christmas party, immediately following church services on Sunday, December 13. The party is being held on this day and at this time so that all the members of the class may attend the morning worship, and also to save gas. Each person bring a ten cent Christmas gift, and each parent mark it on child's gift. A generous pot-luck dinner will be served.

The Dorcas Club will meet with Mrs. Don George, 929 Edgewater ave., on Thursday, December 10th. The party will be a Christmas exchange.

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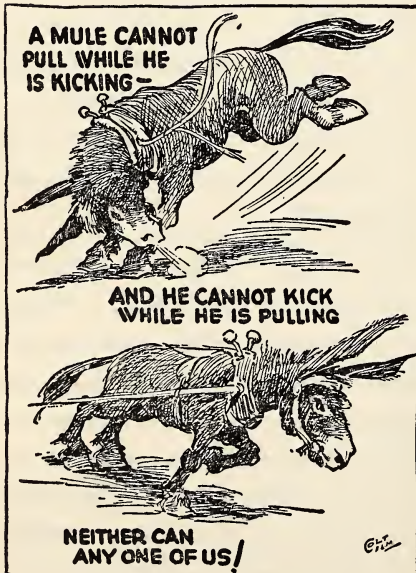
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Christian Youth Fellowship	1.00
Thanksgiving	3.27
Emergency Thousand	25.07
Total	\$118.4

TIDING RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harriger (2 years).



The above cartoon was seen in a farm journal, but it applies to church members as well as farmers, to persons as well as "animals."

"It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.

—George Horace Lorimer.

BIRTHDAYS

Dale Robert Craig, 116 E. Creighton, celebrates his first birthday December 9th.

Elizabeth Ann Wingett, 3409 Holton ave., celebrates her third birthday December 12th.

True worth is in being, not seeming,

In doing each day that goes by
Some little good—not in the dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men say in blindness,

And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kindly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

SYMPATHY

To Mrs. John Juday, 1613 Short st., in the passing of her sister at Auburn on December 1st.

To Mrs. Flora Virts, 2526 S. Harrison st., in the passing of her brother.

To Mr. Harrold Bolyard, 1824 Drexel, in the passing of his mother.

A SMALL MAN'S JOB

"Despise not any man that lives,

Alien or neighbor, near or far;

Go out beneath the scornful stars,

And see how very small you are.

The world is large, and space is high

That sweeps around our little ken,

But there's no space or time to spare,

In which to hate our fellow men.

And this, my friend, is not the work for you;

Then leave all this for smaller men to do."

BUY BONDS AND BAN BEER

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CHRISTMAS PARTY NEXT SUNDAY

The annual Christmas party of the Progressive class will be held next Sunday, December 13. For patriotic reasons (to conserve gas) the party will be held immediately following the morning worship. A scrumptious pot-luck "turkey" dinner (if anyone brings turkey) with coffee and all the trimmings will be spread on the beautifully decorated tables in the church parlors. Old Santa will be there. A 10c Christmas gift exchange for adults. Children's gifts should be marked by parents. Pictures will be shown for both adults and kiddies. The committee in charge is: The Morriscals', The Clippis', The Follis', The Robinetts' and The Youngs'.

Coffee will be furnished by the committee. Each one is requested to bring his own turkey and cranberry and rabbits and table service.

BUT I KNOW

I cannot see the Christ-child
For the soldiers marching past.
I cannot hear the angels
For the bugle's angry blast;
But I know
The bells are ringing,
And that FAITH and HOPE are clinging TO
THE DAY
WHEN LOVE SHALL CROWN THE WORLD
AT LAST!

I cannot see the Christ-child
For the smoke is in my eyes.
I cannot hear the shpherds'
FOR THE LITTLE CHILDREN'S CRIES;
But I know
The bells are ringing,
And I think I hear the singing OF THE DAY
WHEN PEACE LIKE MORNING DAWN SHALL
RISE!

I cannot see the Christ-child
For the clouds hang dark and low.
I cannot hear the wise men
For the conflict rages so;
But I know
The bells are ringing,
And that Christmas morn is bringing IN THE
GOLDEN DAY
FORETOLD SO LONG AGO!—Keer.
—From Family Talk.

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ABOUT OUR SERVICE MEN

Reported for Duty

Two more of our boys are serving with the colors. Robert Craig is a seaman in the Navy. He is on the Lexington or will be when it goes out.

Jack Shiveley is in the Navy. He is at Great Lakes.

Richard A. Smith has been commissioned a Lieut. (jg). He is at the Naval Officers Training school at Princeton, N. J.

Promoted

Hugh Wilson has been commissioned a 2nd Lieut. in Aviation.

Kenneth Tracey has been promoted to a Sergeant. He is in Alaska.

George Koegel has been promoted to a Corporal. He is in Hawaii.

Bill Miller has been made Aviation Ordinance Man, 3rd Class. He is at Corpus Christi, Tex.

At Home

Verne Rodiger was in Fort Wayne for a few days this week. Hugh Wilson is now at home on leave for a few days. Wayne Imbody was in our worship service last Sunday. Dale Spitzer was home last week but has returned.

Addresses

The address of all of our men in the service will appear in the Tidings next week. Will all friends and relatives see that we have the correct address. Call Mrs. Leo Miller, H-76119.

OUR MINISTER ABROAD

First Christian has always remembered its Minister Abroad at Christmas time. Just now the Kepples are in the States assisting in the Emergency Million crusade. Several members and some groups are arranging a gift to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Kepple and the three children. Anyone or any group wishing to remember them at Christmas may give a contribution to Mrs. J. R. Coar. See her next Sunday at church school or at the close of the worship.

Those who have personal gifts for the ladies at the Flinn Home in Marion please bring the same to church next Sunday or to the Woman's Council next Tuesday at the latest.

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WOMAN'S DAY — 1890-1942

Woman's Day, originally "National C. W. B. M. Day," was first observed on July 6, 1890. Missionary Tidings of June, 1890, called the women to observe this day and stated the purpose of the observance in the following manner:

"Let us, dear sisters, so pray and work in our preparations that this shall be a day not alone to raise funds, but a day on which to present to all our churches the claims of our work as an organization; a day into whose observance will come sympathetic support, through sermon and exhortation of the pastor; a day to which we may bring all our talent of voices and pen and song, and an enlargement of hearts and gifts; a day to which will joyfully come the children with boundless blessing; a day that shall become a rich spiritual feast, such as none other of the year can bring; the grand high festival of all days, when loyal Christian women joyfully and thankfully prove their love for Him by obeying His great command."

Although the day was changed in 1898 to the first day in December, Woman's Day has continued to be observed with its emphasis on the missionary challenge of the church.



MISSIONARIES TEACHING IN UNIVERSITIES

The following colleges now have missionaries on their faculties: Dr. Kenneth Bonham, of India, is at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma; C. A. Burch, China, at Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas; Katherine Schutze, China, is at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Plopper are this year with the College of the Bible and Transylvania at Lexington, Kentucky. Mrs. Miriam Terry, of India, is at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi.



YOU CAN HELP

The wholesale evacuation of more than 100,000 Japanese-Americans from their homes has resulted in many heart-breaking experiences and problems. Perhaps worse than the physical suffering upon these evacuees is the mental and spiritual anguish, that comes with idleness, loneliness, uncertainty, and lack of equipment or facilities to keep children and youth occupied, to say nothing of adults.

Because many missionary groups want to help in this emergency, the Missionary Organizations Department has provided a list of articles that would be acceptable. They also will forward gifts immediately to the camps. Articles listed are—Books (new or old if in good condition), music, games, equipment for recreation, kindergarten supplies, toys. Baby layettes are badly needed. For further information, write Missionary Organizations, 222 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—GO YE TEACH

There are 37 million young people in the United States who receive no training whatsoever in the church. Fifty years ago 70% of the copy in the First Readers from which the child learned to read, had to do with religion. Today the books used for the same age group devote about 3% of their space to religion and morals.

The Hartshorne-Mays report, made after conducting a careful survey of the influences in the childlife of America, reflects the following:

The influence of parents.....	54%
The group.....	35%
The leader of the gang.....	13.7%
The teacher of the school.....	6%
The Bible School teacher.....	2 of 1%

Hence it becomes imperative that the church assume the responsibility which Christ placed upon her—to purify the source of wisdom and to spiritualize the entire stream of national thought.—James O. Sowell in World Call.



PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

"Let every heart prepare him room!" The doors of our hearts are too low—our spiritual houses are too small for Him, the Prince of Life. His love is too much for us. Yet He must be forever homeless unless we open our doors to His knocking. And our houses must be forever low and dark, if we should close our ears and let Him turn away. "Cleanse thou our hearts, O Lord, from all doubt and fear and hate that we may receive Him with faith and hope and love."

MISSIONARY CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

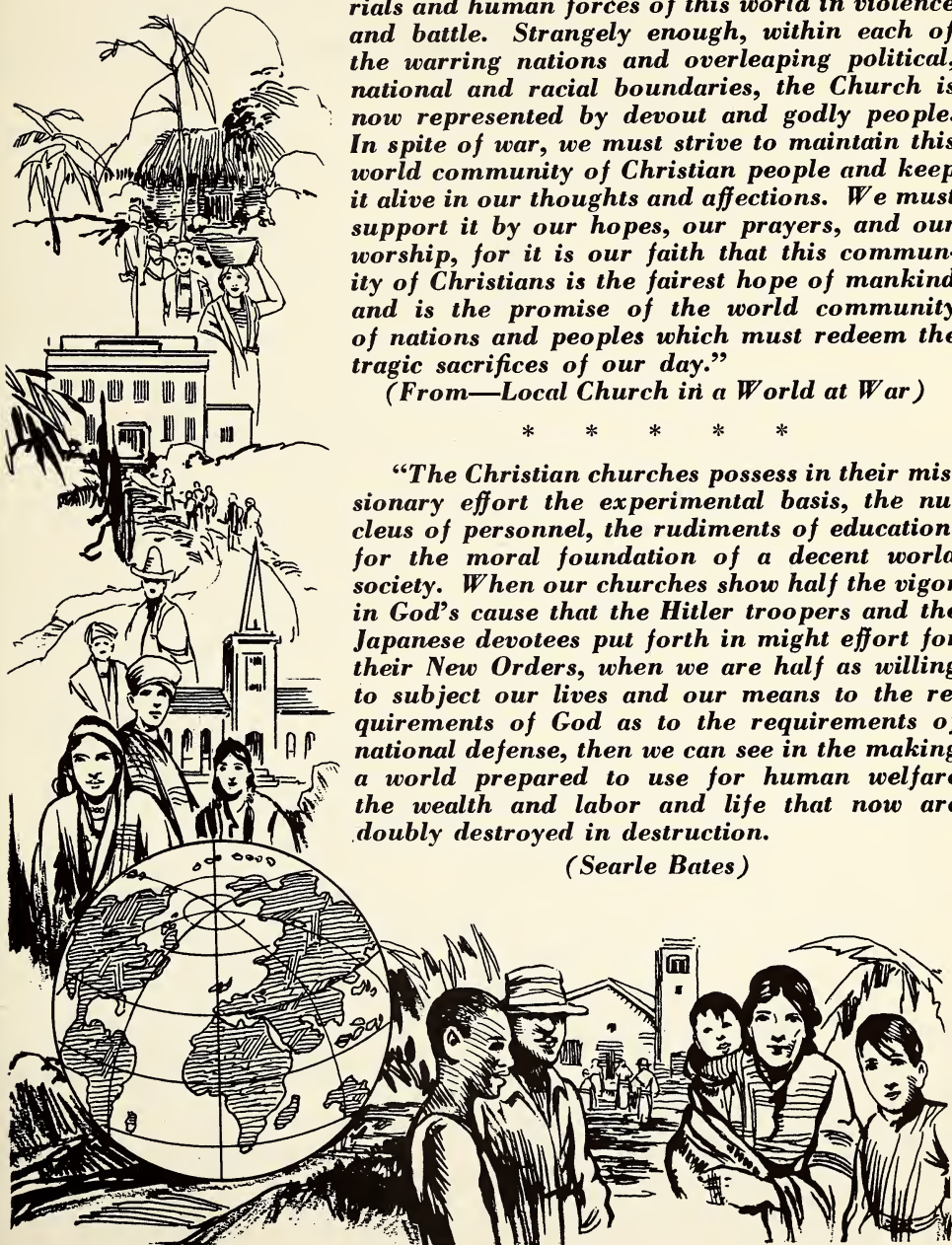
"It is a tragic paradox and a significant coincidence that we have for the first time in history a world war and a World Church. The world war involves nearly every nation and most of the people of the earth. It uses the materials and human forces of this world in violence and battle. Strangely enough, within each of the warring nations and overleaping political, national and racial boundaries, the Church is now represented by devout and godly people. In spite of war, we must strive to maintain this world community of Christian people and keep it alive in our thoughts and affections. We must support it by our hopes, our prayers, and our worship, for it is our faith that this community of Christians is the fairest hope of mankind and is the promise of the world community of nations and peoples which must redeem the tragic sacrifices of our day."

(From—Local Church in a World at War)

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"The Christian churches possess in their missionary effort the experimental basis, the nucleus of personnel, the rudiments of education, for the moral foundation of a decent world society. When our churches show half the vigor in God's cause that the Hitler troopers and the Japanese devotees put forth in might effort for their New Orders, when we are half as willing to subject our lives and our means to the requirements of God as to the requirements of national defense, then we can see in the making a world prepared to use for human welfare the wealth and labor and life that now are doubly destroyed in destruction."

(Searle Bates)



At the close of the morning worship last Sunday the officers of the church assembled in the social rooms for the reorganization of the boards. The following chairmen were elected last Sunday:

Official Board: Harry Hiler, Chairman; Ep-
pie Baker, V.-Chairman.

Board of Elders: Owen Vaught.

Board of Deacons: Arza Smith.

Board of Deaconesses: Mrs. Joseph Siples.

There is no office secretary on duty this week. If anyone has any news for the Tid-
ings, or information for the church, will he
please call the parsonage, A-86142. The
times make it almost impossible to secure
half-time secretaries.

"Your giving is their Living—" the old peo-
ple in the homes.

TREASURE HUNT

Thimble, thimble, who has the thimble?

Books, books, who has the books?

Two things when borrowed are seldom re-
turned, books and umbrellas. Several mis-
sion books have been loaned by Mrs. Coar,
through the library of the Woman's Council,
which have been read but not returned.
These books are still running at large. Will
the reader or borrower please see that they
wend their way homeward. They are:

"Christ of the Indian Road".

"Luppi."

"China, My Country and My People."

"What is This Moslem World."

"Christ came to the Village."

"Caribbean Cruise."

"Right Here at Home."

"Author of Liberty."

"Moving Millions."

C. Y. F. ELECTS

The Christian Youth Fellowship elected its
officers for 1943 last Sunday night. They are:

President—Bill Trumbower

V.-Pres.—Pauline Childers

Secretary—Harriette Burgess

Treasurer—Helen Ellison

Pianist—Norma Young

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The General Meeting of the Woman's Coun-
cil will be next Tuesday, December 15. The
Executive meets at 1:00 P.M. The annual re-
port of the year's work will be given.

Devotions by Ruth Circle.

Christmas Program by Esther Circle.

An offering will be taken in lieu of a
table party as has been the custom in past
years.

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OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Regular	\$113.25
Missions	8.40
Building Fund	2.15
Loose	11.00
The Tidings	1.50
Thanksgiving	3.75
Christmas	1.00
Emergency Thousand.....	10.00
Christian Youth Fellowship	1.35
Total	\$152.41

BOARD MEETING

The December meeting of the Official Board
will be held next Sunday, December 13. The
meeting will be held at 11:45 A.M. immedi-
ately following the morning worship. The
time has been changed to Sunday on account
of "gas rationing."

FEBRUARY 21-26, 1943 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 21 to 26 will be Christian Mission
week in Fort Wayne. Mark that week on
your calendar. Six or seven outstanding re-
ligious leaders are to be in the city for a
whole week.

Put a red mark around the week on your
calendar. No Christian or group of Christians
should schedule an engagement or meeting
for the week of February 21-26, 1943.

Mark your calendar. It is predicted The
Christian Mission will be the most outstand-
ing religious gathering of Christian people
ever held in Fort Wayne.

February 21-26, 1943.

PICTURES AT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Wild Life in Indiana, Bird Sanctuaries, and
other pictures concerning bird and wild life
will be shown at the Christian Youth Fello-
wsip next Sunday night at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Alden H. Hadley of the Audubon So-
ciety will show the pictures. Anyone wishing
to see the beautiful pictures of birds and bird
life are invited to attend.

The Youth Fellowship will meet at 5:30 for
games and recreation.

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mas in the church school.

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OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Pvt. Dean D. Reese, 15098571,
13th Comm. Sqdn. A.P.O. No. 606,
%Postmaster, Miami, Florida

Cpt. Nathan R. Chaney,
Fort Benjamin Harrison,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Cpt. George H. Koegel, H. Q. Co. 116 Int.,
A.P.O. 25,
%Postmaster San Francisco, California

Lt. James C. Koegel, Co. D. 3rd Bn O.R.T.C.,
Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland

William R. Miller, A.Q.M.3/c,
Naval Air Base, T.S. 18 a,
Corpus Christi, Texas

P. S. C. William Broom,
302 Air Force Band,
Gunter Field, Montgomery, Alabama

Wayne H. Imbody, S. 2/c, Section T - 10-3,
Group 1 Barracks 502,
L.P. Service School, Great Lakes, Illinois

Cpt. Richard R. Brolin,
2056 Ridgeview, Los Angeles, California

Sargt. Walter C. Clendenen,
328 M.P. Escorte Guard Co.,
Camp Livingston, Louisiana

Candidate Homer L. Clendenen,
R. Co. 3rd., E.S.R.,
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Tec. Sgt. Hubert A. Tharp,
U.S.N. R.A.B. Public Works,
Peru, Indiana

Tec. Sgt. Karl B. Meredith,
618 W. 24th St.,
San Pedro, California

Sargt. Robert D. Finton, 135334772,
Headquarters Bat. A.P.O. 826,
%Postmaster, New Orleans, Louisiana

Pvt. Merle F. Morkoetter,
1129 T.S.S. Flight School 50,
Special Training Center,
No. Miami Beach, Florida

Pvt. 1st C. Melvin J. Leykauf,
Gunnery Dept. O.C.C.,
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Pvt. James W. Hirschy,
T.S.S., 370,
Scott Field, Ill.

Henry P. Kolkman, 35326375,
Co. D. 39 Engr. Regt. C.,
Camp Bowie, Texas

Verne Rodiger,
%Unit Personal Office,
A.A.F. Navigation School, Hondo, Texas

CHRISTMAS PAGENT

The Story of Christmas will be told next Sunday night in pagentry and song at 7:30 P.M. The program is under the direction of Lynn Miller. The musical background will be provided by the chorus choir under the direction of Mrs. Guy Abbott. Those assisting are Mrs. Robt. C. M. Scott, organist; Thos. Hirschey, stage manager; Lawrence Horn, electrician; Mrs. Ruby Miller, make-up and wardrobe, and the following cast:

Reader Robert Clipp
Mary Mrs. Helen Welborn
Joseph Harold Adams
Shepherds... Myron Cole, Wayne Tracey and
Bill Trumbower
Wise-Men..... Romane Cole, Bernard Welborn
and Harry Hiler
A Group of Villagers.

THE PROCESSION OF THE NATIVITY

Matthew 2: 11, 12. "And when they were come . . . they fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasurers, they presented unto Him gifts; and frankincense and myrrh.

The Procession of the Nativity will be observed as part of the Worship Service next Sunday. The Manger Cradle will be placed near the Chancel so gifts, like the Magi of old, may be laid therein.

A Special Christmas Offering Envelope may be found in your regular carton of envelopes for use in the Procession of the Nativity.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christian Youth Fellowship will hold their Christmas party next Sunday evening at 5:30. Charlotte Tucker will have charge of recreation, Harriette Burgess of refreshments, and Gayle Scott of attendance.

A CHRISTMAS PLAYLET

"The Christmas Story" a playlet will be given by the Junior Church children next Sunday morning. The playlet will be given at the Junior Church hour. Older Primary Children are welcome.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOME

Mrs. Pearl Brown Brands, a former member of First Christian and a subscriber to The Tidings, has an excellent article in the Bethany Church School Guide, our own national leaders guide. It is entitled "Helping the Home Observe Christmas." It suggests ways for parents to hold worship in the home on Christmas morning. Parents may obtain a copy from the minister or the church school superintendent, Mr. Clipp. Mrs. Brands now resides at Hartford City.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION



Mexico

In Mexico among the little rural churches, the gospel is coming with renewed vigor. The rural federal schools are breaking down bigotry and fanaticism. Today evangelists are welcomed in villages and ranches where only a few years ago they would have been stoned. These humble people are being reborn intellectually and are hungry for the Christian Word. In answer to this need, Christians from all churches, large and small, are distributing portions of the scriptures and enlarging the circle of fellowship.

Puerto Rico

A new church in San Juan, Puerto Rico, has comradeship this year in the world wide communion. This new congregation was organized in December, 1941, on faith. "The challenge of God as He called us to enter San Juan would not be silenced," writes one of our missionaries. "So we went forward. One of our strongest pastors was assigned to the work. Months have passed and the church marches on."

Africa

Last year the Christian Church at Wema, Africa, observed the World Communion Sunday while the missionaries were attending the Bolenge Conferences of Christian Churches. There were 409 members of the Wema Church present—the Christians and their children and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson who met together for communion only. It was a simple service with hymns and prayers and communion talks by Philip Efienya and Mr. Johnson. Following the communion service, the church united in prayer for the peace of the world.

Jamaica

The latest word from Jamaica is that they are now doing without many more things that heretofore were necessities. Mr. Moon writes—"Mrs. Moon and I frequently walk from five to seven miles a day in calling on members and since Sunday bus service has been discontinued, we walk that far every Sunday in reaching our churches. When one walks that far under a tropical sun and preaches three times a day, he is about ready for a rest. All our ministers are experiencing the same and even greater difficulties in reaching their churches. They are all cheerfully carrying on and doing much to keep up the morale of their communities. This is important now."

India

Communion is observed each Lord's Day in the little new churches rapidly growing in the Central Provinces. When there are five or more Christian families, they ask for a preacher to shepherd the flock and when they have the walls of their church built, they may ask for help in putting on the roof. There are now seventeen of these community churches. Mrs. Terry reports—"If you were to visit one of these, your newest sister churches, you would be most welcome, you would sit on the floor. Listen to their hymns and a sermon, partake reverently of the bread and cup as it was served in their own way and you would know how much our new churches need us and how much we need them."

Japan and Philippine Islands

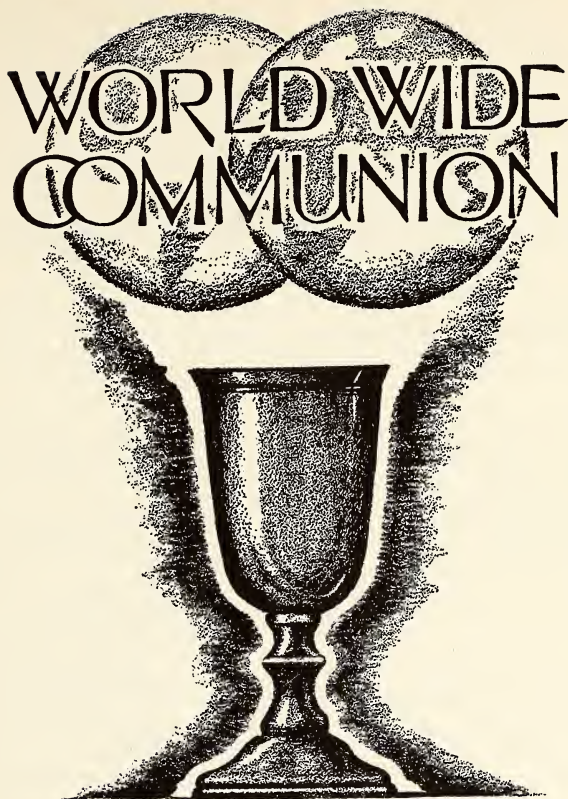
In these days of separation, we cannot hear the church bells in either Japan or the Philippine Islands, but we do know that they are ringing in the hearts of loyal Christians and that we share a common fellowship of love for Him in Whom "there is no East or West, but one great fellowship of love."

South America

In South America recently three of our missionaries—Miss Goldie Alumbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Boyer—worshipped in the Belgranos Church in Buenos Aires and heard I Corinthians 13th read in fourteen languages. From this same little church the pastor sent to the churches in the United States the following greeting—"Tell the comrades of the north of our fervor for Christ's work, of our eagerness to give for the evangelization of the countries of the world, the best of our lives and talents. Tell them we are here with our hand to the plough, with heart made brave by many struggles and with eye fixed on the future looking toward the sun without anxiety, with the desire to be useful."

China

The latest word from the churches in China comes from a letter written by James McCallum as he was en route home on the Gripsholm. He says, "We left things in good condition in China. The mission work in general was continuing to carry on with the same personnel and without missionary direction or assistance. Not only were the churches carrying on as usual but they were making strong efforts to carry on by themselves. Baptisms were reported from Nanking Drum Tower and South Gate. The Wuhu Church besides carrying on an undiminished budget, is helping to support some of the weaker churches in the Chuchow area—particularly Fuen Tien. Our Chinese friends have been wonderful to us and have reversed the usual order of things when we were in need, and became 'rice missionaries.'"



October 4, 1942, is a significant day everywhere in the church. It is the day when Christians of all races and nations will gather in penitence and faith around the table of our Lord Jesus Christ. When war is rampant in the world, Christians everywhere must maintain an unbroken and unbreakable fellowship which will stand out in contrast to our divided and demoralized world. Your presence at the Lord's Table, no matter in what part of the world you are, bears testimony to the abiding and continuing fellowship within the body of Christ, the Church.

PRAYER FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS IN ALL LANDS

"O God, whose love enfolds all families and nations of men and whose purposes for the whole world Thou hast made manifest in Christ, we commend to Thy loving Providence our brethren in every land, who are bound with us in the bond of common faith. Comfort such as are in any distress, and multiply Thy mercy to any who know hardship by reason of their faith in Christ. Though our nations are at war, suffer us not to forget that we are still members with them of one household of faith. Where doors are closed against the outreach of our hands in ministries of friendship, keep open the highways of the spirit on which we journey with them toward the City of God. Even when we can send no word to them, do Thou send Thy word to their waiting hearts, and let that Word break down every wall of partition between them and us.

"Let Thy peace live everywhere within the Church of Christ. May Thy church hold fast the unity of the spirit of Christ, and when war ends, join hands the world round to rebuild the waste places, to lay the foundation of peace for many generations, and to restore paths for the feet of the passengers of Christ. In His name."

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1942	\$ 91.58	
Receipts for month		
Regular offering	\$419.24	
Missions	28.30	
Loose offering	37.27	
Tidings	12.50	
Coal	1.50	
Christian Youth Fellowship....	1.00	
Emergency Thousand	209.00	
Thanksgiving	17.05	725.86
		\$817.44

Disbursements

Salaries	\$330.00	
Church Supplies	116.35	
Unified Promotion	8.30	
Purdue Foundation	5.00	
Indiana Foundation	5.00	
Federal Council	10.00	
Postage	3.00	
Utilities	23.24	
Gas Allowance	10.00	
Tidings	56.32	
Pension Fund	20.00	
Interest on M'tg.	90.00	
Service Charge	2.31	\$679.52

Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1942	\$137.92
Bills Due November 30, 1942	NONE

OUR SYMPATHY

To Miss Mabel Murray, 213 East Butler St.,
in the passing of her mother, Monday night.

ILLNESS

Mr. James S. Erwin, 901 Third St., has been
in the hospital for a few days, but is now
home again.

Miss Wanda Jean Follis, 1421 Cherokee Rd.,
underwent an appendectomy at the Luth-
eran Hospital on Thursday, December 10. She
expects to return home this week end.

Mr. W. B. Shively who has been in the St.
Joseph Hospital for several weeks has re-
turned to his home, Route No. 6.

P.S.C. Homer H. Stevenson,
18th Photo Mapping Sqdrn.,
4th Photo Group Barracks 458,
A.A.B., Colorado Springs, Colo.

A. C. Thomas A. Watson,
Sqdn. 103 Flight A., San Antonio,
Aviation Cadet Center,
Army Air Force Classification Center,
San Antonio, Texas

Pvt. Jay W. Shively, 15354049 A-16th,
A.S.R.T.C., Fort Knox, Kentucky

Philip R. Horn, Co. 1343, Camp Decatur,
Great Lakes, Illinois

Sgt. Kenneth L. Tracey,
A.S.N. 35151313. Det. 152 D.O.R.D. Co.,
A.P.O., 939, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

Pvt. Richard W. Drewett,
1129th T.T.S. Flight 50,
Special Training Center,
No. Miami Beach, Florida

Corp. Clinton H. Keith,
H.Q. Bty.—61st. F.A.D.N.,
Camp Bliss, Texas

Maurice E. Siples, A.S.,
Reg. 8 Batl. Co. 1561 U.S.N.T.S.,
Great Lakes, Illinois

Jesse F. Dehl,
Sqdn. 28, O.C. School,
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Miami, Florida

Pvt. Robert D. Cruse,
Btt. C. 399th. C.A.,
B.B.B. Sault Saint Marie, Michigan

Corp. Gail L. Spitler, 35176417,
Medical Detachment, 151 Inf. (R) 1st B.N.,
A.P.O. 38 Div. Camp Caribelle, Florida

Robert Craig, S. 2/c,
U.S.N.A.S 1168,
Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Lt. J. G. Richard A. Smith,
Naval Officer, T.S.,
Princeton, New Jersey

2nd Lt. Hugh Wilson,
Unassigned

A. S. Raymond E. Finton,
Great Lakes, Illinois

Richard Borgmann,
Address unknown

CHURCH ENVELOPES

The Church envelopes for 1943 are ready for
distribution. They will be placed in the rear
of the Sanctuary. Will each member please
get his next Sunday morning. You will need
them to start the New Year right.

BENEVOLENCES

To over a thousand aged and children in
the care of a great Christian Brotherhood that
word—Benevolence—means **HOME, SECUR-
ITY, SAFETY.** It is our desire to make the
world safe for free peoples, why not make it
safe and secure for those in our homes—
your offering in the church school on Decem-
ber 20 will do just that.

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Hail, the Heaven-Born Prince of Peace



N this war-weary, and war-worn world we wistfully wait to welcome the birthday of the Heaven-Born Prince of Peace. May it's arrival with "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people" bring heavenly music to ears dinned by a world in turmoil and travail. May busy humanity pause to sing,

*"Joy to the world the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King."*



T this holy season his unsurpassing beauty and loveliness shines with an ever increasing luster and glory. His matchless life shames our wayward way. May his Star bring us once again to his manger-cradle that we may worship him and be forgiven, for he came to save us from our sins.

*For one brief starry night let us forget
The clamor of the world, our loss, our fear
And let us light the candles in our souls
This one night of the year.*

*Let us be shrived of self, and let us pray
Only white prayers—white selfless prayer tonight,
Lifting clean hands up to one glorious Star
That is burning with holy light."*



AY His Everlasting Love and Overshadowing Presence abundantly bless our noble and heroic men who so valiantly defend the "Land that we Love". May they be assured that,

*God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With Peace on Earth, Goodwill to men."*

Reverend and Mrs. Samuel Joel Burgess.



CHRISTMAS AND WAITING HEARTS

CHRISTMAS is the time of expectancy. Even grizzled war cannot carry on his murderous business enthusiastically on Christmas Day. The hand of the manger-cradled Babe that day is mightier than the mailed fist. As though by some previous agreement, opposing sides cease their intense struggle, and activities diminish to little more than patrol work. War on Christmas Day cannot compete with expectant hearts.

THE FIRST Christmas was the reward of an expectant world. Weary of war, baffled by frustration, disillusioned by impotent religions, all hearts were eagerly, anxiously anticipating something new, strange, challenging, satisfying. Paradoxical though it was, the answer came not from the imperial palace at Rome, nor from Caesar's marching legions, but in a stable at Bethlehem where on a young mother's bosom rested a Babe. It was the divine answer, a revelation of the heart of the Eternal.

WISE MEN . . . studying the skies, searching the heavens, pondering the stars and their meanings, expectant of omens . . . discovered a new star and Him who disclosed the heart of the universe. Shepherds on the hills of Bethlehem, peasants of simple ways and common minds, but expectant souls, and hearts tuned to the spiritual, witness celestial messengers, heard angels' music and found newly-born the Hope of humanity.

PERHAPS the best thing a war-bludgeoned, disillusioned world could do this Christmas, 1942, would be to follow the blazing star's trail to the manger's Madonna in whose arms nestles quietly the abiding Answer of God, and there again experience the angelic vision and hear the heavenly music, and wonder at the rebirth of love divine. There again the miracle could happen, as expectant hearts vibrating to the Heart of God took up the anthem of the first Bethlehem:

"Glory to God in the highest

And on earth peace among men of good will."

In Expectant Hearts, Christmas Can Be Reborn!

G. EDWIN OSBORN, Pastor,
University Place Christian Church
Enid, Oklahoma

Christmas — 1942



From "Life of Christ in Woodcuts,"

Permission Farrar & Rinehart

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He who shall save His people from their

sins."

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Let Your Own Light Shine

WE HEAR it said that the lights have gone out, in Europe, in the world.
Such a thing has happened many times before.
It was dark in Bethlehem on a certain night.
Yet on that night a new star was shining.
Shepherds looked up and saw a glory in the sky; saw a glowing radiance around
a mother and her child.
The lights had gone out then, in Judea, in Rome.
Yet is was bright enough to guide three wise men on their way towards truth.
Bright enough to rouse the shepherds to the coming of a prince of peace.
Bright enough to fill a cattle shed where human hope was born.

THERE is light enough today to make a track of thought for those who have
a mind to hunt for living truth.
Enough to show the people of the earth the way to build a democratic world
in justice and goodwill.
Enough to fill with understanding and with courage any room, hall, meeting-
house or open square
Where men and women plan good things together for the human race:
Relief for refugees, assistance to war victims, rights for
minorities, good health and decent housing for rich
and poor, protection of the weak from exploitation
by the strong,
And the putting down of every dictator no matter who
or where.
There is light enough for all these things.

WHAT if old lights have gone out? Kindle new ones everywhere.
This is Christmas Eve!
Get out your lamp, your candle or your lantern.
Put it in the window. Or better still, take it outdoors and join the carolers
and bell ringers.
Take your own light with you and go outdoors into the world.
You will be surprised to find so many there ahead of you.
You may be even more surprised to find that God himself is there with his
newest and brightest star.

—Dwight J. Bradley

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FIRST CHRISTIAN T I D I N G S

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AT MIDNIGHT

Old Year, as you slip silently away,
So that a fresh New Year may tiptoe in,
Take with you all my faults of every day,
Take with you each bad habit, each small sin.

Take envy and take tactlessness and greed,
Take memories of how to frown and pout,
Speak spitefully and do an unkind deed,
Take any thought of which there is a doubt.

New Year, as you come in, please bring to me

The will and strength to do things I should do,

Bring patience, tolerance and loyalty
And bring an optimistic point of view.

Bring charity for those whose paths prove hard,

Bring joy to share with others and good cheer,
Hope for the future, faith that is a guard
And happy friendliness that is sincere.

—CARMEN MALONE.

JUST MARRIED

On December 19 Wedding Bells rang for Mr. Russel Sage and Miss Fern Rhodes at 7:00 p. m. They were married at the manse. Mr. Sage is a brother of Mrs. Robert Trulove.

On Christmas Day the Wedding Bells rang for Mr. Myron Cole and Miss Candace Cox, at 8:00 p. m. They were united at the altar. Mr. Cole is one of our deacons.

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Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.
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Praise, laud, and bless His name Always,
For it is seemly so to do.

BROTHERHOOD DINNERS; ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Brotherhood Dinners will be held January 20, 1943. The Annual Church Meeting will be held January 20, 1943. The regular monthly Official Board Meeting will be held January 20, 1943.

January 20 should be one of the most outstanding nights on the church calendar for 1943. The three meetings will be combined into one great dinner meeting. Every member of First Christian, every class and organization should begin now to arrange for this event. January 20 should be a red-letter night. Let us make it such.

The Brotherhood Dinner Committee has arranged a great program for the occasion. "Humanity Hungers" is the theme of the Brotherhood Dinners.

HEARTHSTONES

You may obtain your Hearthstone next Sunday. Copies may be found in each narthex. Hearthstone is the new home magazine of the Disciples. The first issue had such an unparalleled reception several extra printings had to be made. Get your copy next Sunday.

"A hammer sometimes misses its mark, but a bouquet, never."

DISCIPLES GIVING INCREASES

The new Year Book shows that the total moneys given in the United States and Canada to the national boards reporting to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, (including miscellaneous missionary, benevolent and emergency relief offering) was \$4,558,754.37, an increase of \$609,369.64 or 15.34%. Of this amount \$365,936.53 was Emergency Million money. This is an average of \$2.74 per member compared with \$2.36 least year. For the 8,002 churches in the United States and Canada an average per church of \$569.70, an increase of \$76.77. For the 5,553 contributing churches, the average per church is \$820.85, an increase of \$98.55.



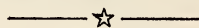
"FIVE MINUTES OF BREATHING CALMNESS"

The following is from a recent letter of Mr. Malcolm Norment of Asuncion, Paraguay—

"All kinds of people come to the student center, some come to borrow books, others come to read, some to play games, and quite a few come to have tea and a chat. I have been surprised this year that so many come with personal problems, problems in the home and in business. I have really felt more like a pastor outside of the pulpit than in it. There is a lot of sorrow and trouble, economic difficulties and willful desire for cheer. Anyone who lives beside this little church will always find folk winding their way to his home looking for help. A business man called me on the phone this morning to say a word of appreciation for what we had meant to his family and to ask if it would be all right if when he were on a walk in this direction he could just step into the house and sit down for five minutes to breathe in the atmosphere of peace and agreeableness. I was really touched for that is what people so much need these days, five minutes of 'breathing calmness.' Many such five minutes!"

JAPANESE PASTORS AT WORK

Our former Japanese church people in Los Angeles are now scattered abroad in the different resettlement camps. Mr. Unoura is in Heart Mountain near Cody, Wyoming. Mr. Kubota is at Poston, Arizona. Both are busy with religious work of their camps. Mr. Kubota has a definite area to serve and has a wide interest and participation in the many activities of the great Poston project. The morale seems to be very high there, and the democratic way of life is being stressed by both management and population. Mr. Unoura has a place of leadership in the religious circles wherever he is. Just now he is chairman of the committee in charge of the building program for the new church which the Presbyterians are providing for Heart Mountain.



AMONG HOME MISSION SCHOOLS

Hazel Green Academy has recently purchased a sound motion picture projector which is being used as a part of the school's community outreach. Weekly exhibition of films is bringing a considerable number of people from the surrounding community to the school. Wolfe County is almost completely without constructive recreational facilities and this machine is already proving to be an important factor in the school's expanded program of community service.



Sixty-eight of the Jarvis Christian College men at Hawkins, Texas, are now in military service. There are about thirty men on the campus, a much smaller number than in former years. There are however, more girls in Jarvis than ever before. About one hundred and ten are in the dormitory, equipped for about eighty girls. Three and four are assigned to a room for two, and double decker beds from the boys' cottages have been moved in to provide for the girls.



Professor J. C. Taylor of Livingston Academy reports that the school this year has an increased enrollment, despite the loss of a number of young men into the armed forces. The fact that Livingston Academy is an "A" grade school and that the other high schools in the county are decidedly lower in rating draws to the Academy an increasing number of students.



THE NEW YEAR

*"This Is a Great
Moment"*

You, at this moment have the honor to belong to a generation whose lips are touched by fire. . . . The human race now passes through one of its great crises. New ideas, new issues—a new call for men to carry on the work of righteousness, of charity, of courage, of patience, and of loyalty—all these things have come and are daily coming to you.

When you are old . . . however memory brings back this moment to your mind, let it be able to say to you: That was a great moment. It was the beginning of a new era. . . . This world its crisis called for volunteers, for men of faith in life, of patience in service for humanity, of charity and of insight. I responded to the call however I could. I volunteered to give my self to a ministry of love—the cause of humane and brave living. I studied, I loved, I labored, unsparingly and hopefully, to be worthy of my generation.

Josiah Boyce

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OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER

Regular	\$310.70
Missions	24.89
Building Fund	9.55
Loose	28.13
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First Christian Tidings	6.00
Christian Youth Fellowship	4.36
Thanksgiving	5.25
Christmas	68.17
Emergency Thousand	41.00
Total	\$498.00

DORCAS GIFTS

The Dorcas Club was very generous in its Christmas giving. They sent a Christmas gift of \$76.00 to the children in the Cleveland home and \$40.00 for the Milk Fund at the same Home. The Club expresses its thanks to the other classes and groups and individuals that so freely shared.

CHANGED ADDRESSES

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moser, 4208 Reed Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, 3115 South Wayne Ave.

Misses Marguerite and Louise McGuire, 2806½ South Lafayette Street.

The Emergency Million Crusade has now passed the \$800,000. mark Over \$500,000.00 has been paid in cash. The time set for reaching the goal of One Million Dollars is next June 30.

Tuesday—Ruth Circle with Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College, at 1:00 o'clock. Luncheon.

Tuesday—Rachel Circle, with Mrs. Harrison Simon, 454 Colerick.

Wednesday—Martha Circle, with Mrs. C. S. Dilts, 3121 Fairfield.

Wednesday—Naomi Circle, with Mrs. David Hogg, 930 Lake.

Wednesday—Esther Circle, at the church.

MORE MEN IN SERVICE

Two more of our fine young men have offered their services to their country. Edward Cremer reported for duty last week, and Richard Teeters reported this week. The number of names on our Honor Roll Plaque is now forty.

Brother J. R. Coar retires from active teaching work. It is a great loss to First Christian in the retirement and removal of Brother and Sister Coar. Their constant attendance, capable leadership, generous giving and exceedingly fine loyalty to the church over many years make their going an irreparable loss. Their services as teachers, officers, counselors, contributors, undergirding the work of the church and the kingdom have been long and gracious and generous. The prayers and love of the minister and congregation goes with them as they leave to make their home at Pendleton.

THANKS, KIND FRIENDS

The Dominie and Mistress of the Manse appreciate greatly the beautiful gifts Old Santa left at the parsonage. The parson agrees to endeavor not to nod while comfortably reposed under the softening rays of the reading lamp (he may have to sit on the floor for the Mistress claims the chair). Thanks, to all who were so thoughtful and generous.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. Wilda Click Miller is an operative patient at the Lutheran Hospital, Room 268.

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BROTHERHOOD DINNER

The Brotherhood Dinner will be held on Wednesday night, January 20. Rev. A. N. Shockney, minister Christian Church of Portland, Ind., will be the speaker of the evening.

In keeping with rationing and war economy the Annual Church meeting and the monthly official board meeting will be held simultaneous with the Brotherhood Dinner. Every organization of the church is urged to have large representation at this meeting. The theme of the Dinner through out the Disciples Brotherhood is "Humanity Hungers."

A CHRISTIAN IS—

A mind through which Christ thinks,
A heart through which Christ loves
A voice through which Christ speaks,
A hand through which Christ helps,
A life through which Christ lives.

The Kingdom of Heaven can never be established by Christians who give to the Lord as they would tip a waitress.—
—Christian Advocate.

HELLO, EVERYBODY!

I am here. I have come to live with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, 3915 South Lafayette. I arrived at the St. Joseph Hospital on Sunday, January 3. They call me Orville Lawrence. I'll be seeing you at church when I get a little bigger; now I only weigh eight pounds. My daddy is doing fine.
Signed, O. L. S.

If we love one another God dwells within us.—Zoroaster.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF OFFICIAL BOARD FOR 1943

Harry Hiler	Chairman of Board
Eppie Baker.....	Vice-Chairman of Board
Owen Vaught	Chairman Board of Elders
Arza Smith.....	Chairman Board of Deacons
Mrs. Joseph Siples....	Ch. Board of Deaconesses
Walter Birkhold.....	Ch. Board of Trustees

Church Service

Charles Young, Ch.	Harold Pritchard
Robert Coar	Harold Adams
Myron Cole	

Church Worship

Robert Clipp, Ch.	Dr. A. C. Worley
J. M. Fitch	Emmett Young
John Davis	

Church Building

Walter Birkhold	C. F. Durlee
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Dept. Religious Education

Robert Clipp, Ch.	Mrs. Robt. M. S. Scott
Mrs. Charles Dare	Mrs. Donald Crouse

Dept. Missions

Mrs. C. F. Durlee, Ch.	Mrs. Ray Woodhull
Miss Flora Gilmore	Mrs. Owen Vaught
Mrs. Nellie Newland	

Social Activities

Mrs. Harrison Simon, Ch.	Mrs. Leo Miller
Mrs. Mae Sheline	Mrs. Joseph Siples
Mrs. John Sutton	

Dept. Finance

L. S. Sentman, Ch.	Delmas Young
Chester Follis	Ford Robinette
Floyd Morrical	

Dept. Evangelism

J. M. Fitch, Ch.	Owen Vaught
Mrs. J. C. Koegel	Don Crouse
Mrs. John Sutton	

Dept. Young People

Harold Adams, Ch.	Mrs. Robert Coar
Robert Coar	Harold Kuckuck
Arza Smith	

Dept. Relief

Mrs. Leo Miller, Ch.	Mrs. Joseph Siples
Mrs. Mae Sheline	



YOUNG PEOPLE STUDY LATIN AMERICA

The young people's packet on Latin America, prepared by the Missionary Education Department, is finding extensive use among youth groups of Disciples. These materials are used by various youth groups as well as missionary groups. The programs arranged for six sessions present a comprehensive picture of the life of youth in Latin America as well as the work of Disciples in these countries. For each program there is offered recreational, resource and worship materials as well as service suggestions. The style and arrangement and practical suggestions for fellowship make these materials truly alive for young people. Those who are using them find in them opportunities whereby a real basis of understanding and friendship for our neighbors on the South may be formed.



MISSIONS AND WORLD DEMOCRACY

About two years ago Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, now Congressman from Connecticut, returned from a trip to China with the pronouncement that the Chinese were our friends because of the missionaries we had been sending them all these years. And only two months ago Mr. Wendell W. Willkie, reporting on his trip around the world, said, "that there exists in the world today a gigantic reservoir of good will toward the American people." First on the list of causes for the existence of this reservoir of good will Mr. Willkie placed the "hospitals, schools, and colleges which Americans—many of them missionaries—have founded in the far corners of the world."

In short the work of our missionaries is bearing fruit. It is creating good will at a time when good will and international understanding are at a premium.



MISSIONARIES WRITE PROGRAM MATERIALS

"Latin Americans are so gracious, hospitable and friendly that being good neighbors with them would be no problem if we could meet and become acquainted with them in their homes and their churches, in their shops and at our door ways, as they bring their handicraft for sale." Thus one of the missionaries introduces the adult missionary series on "The Other America." Into the preparation of these materials have gone the first-hand experiences of folk who have lived in Latin America and know them as friends.

Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, executive secretary of our Latin American missions, and Miss Lela Taylor, former executive secretary, shared in the planning as well as contributed articles. Mrs. S. S. McWilliams, Mrs. V. C. Carpenter, Manly Morton, S. S. McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andress and Malcolm Norment all contributed to the story told by this study course. There are two series of studies—"The Other America" and "New View of Latin America."



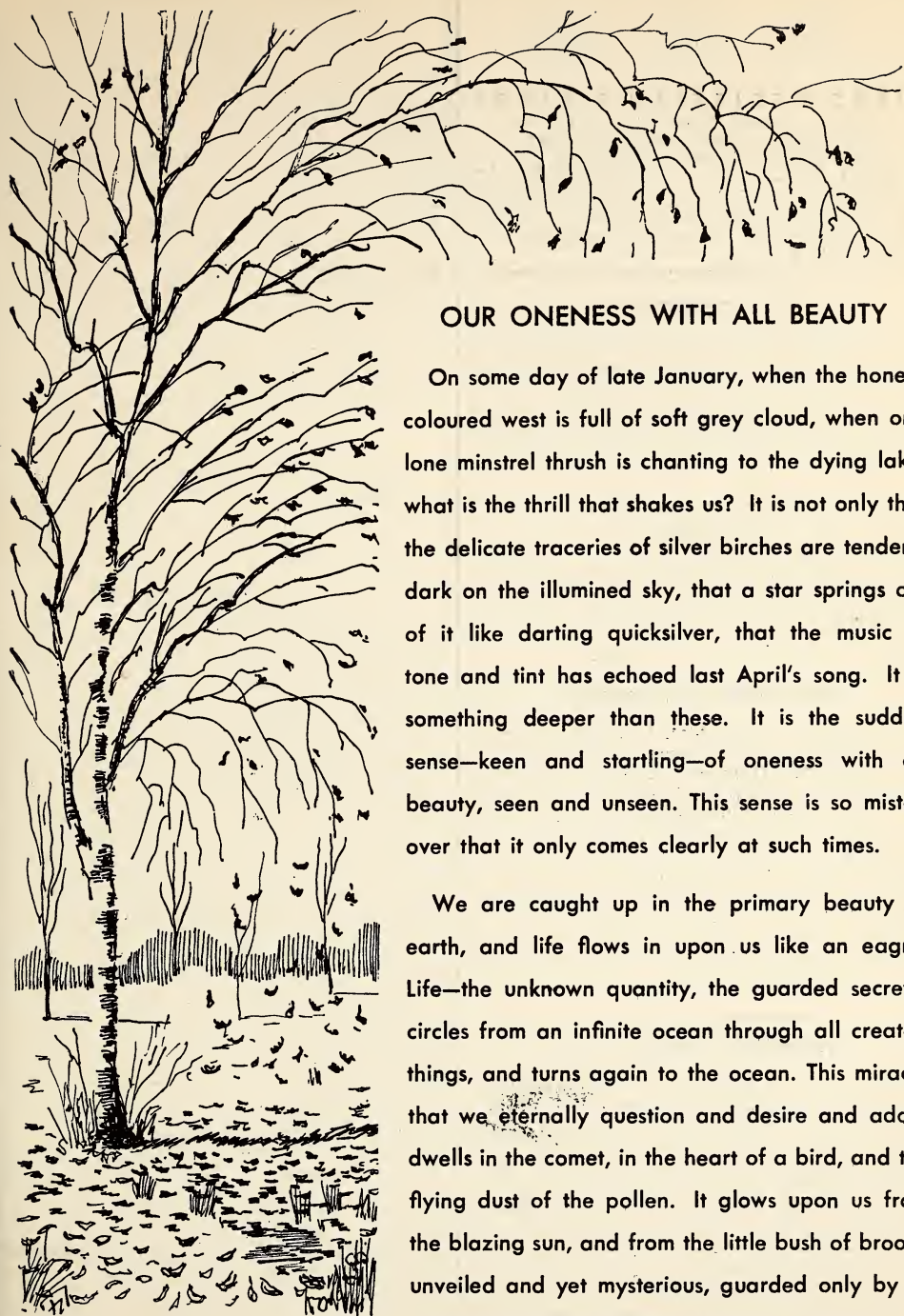
COMICS ARE NOT FUNNY

The comics are ceasing to be funny. The recent crop of horror, crime, superman, and semi-comic magazines is of such proportions as to give thinking persons serious concern. *Parents' Magazine* recently estimated that there are about 125 of these magazines and that approximately 15,000,000 copies are sold monthly or 180,000,000 copies per year.

One study of grade pupils revealed that during one week these pupils had read an average of 34 of these magazines. Of this group 35% had read nothing but comics. The greatest number of readers come from the 12-year old group.

Their more pernicious influence comes perhaps at the point of their distortion of life and the racialism fostered. Daily doses of superman horror and crime are not conducive to a balanced view of life, or the development of love and understanding for all peoples.

December—Church School Guide



OUR ONENESS WITH ALL BEAUTY

On some day of late January, when the honey-coloured west is full of soft grey cloud, when one lone minstrel thrush is chanting to the dying lake, what is the thrill that shakes us? It is not only that the delicate tracteries of silver birches are tenderly dark on the illumined sky, that a star springs out of it like darting quicksilver, that the music of tone and tint has echoed last April's song. It is something deeper than these. It is the sudden sense—keen and startling—of oneness with all beauty, seen and unseen. This sense is so misted over that it only comes clearly at such times.

We are caught up in the primary beauty of earth, and life flows in upon us like an eagle. Life—the unknown quantity, the guarded secret—circles from an infinite ocean through all created things, and turns again to the ocean. This miracle that we eternally question and desire and adore dwells in the comet, in the heart of a bird, and the flying dust of the pollen. It glows upon us from the blazing sun, and from the little bush of broom, unveiled and yet mysterious, guarded only by its own light—more impenetrable than darkness.

Mary Webb.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1942

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OUR SYMPATHY

To the relatives and friends of Mr. Flavius Young who passed away January 2 at his home, 1214 Nutman Ave.

To Mrs. Joseph Siples and Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich in the passing of their father on January 3 at the home of Mrs. Siples, 717 Lawton place.

ILLNESS

Miss Pauline Robinette is an operative patient at the Methodist hospital. She underwent an operation the day before Christmas
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MEETINGS NEXT MONTH

The Triangle Club, Mrs. Chas. Dare, sponsor, will meet at the home of Miss Kathryn Leversee, 902 Nuttman, Tuesday evening, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Triangle Club is for all 2nd Year Intermediates, and all high school boys and girls. The sponsor wishes all to attend.

The Dorcas Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ray Barnett, 725 Wagner, on Thursday, January 14. (It is worth remembering the Dorcas Club sent \$40 to the Milk Fund and \$76 to the Christmas party of the Cleveland Orphans Home.)

GREETINGS FROM AFAR

During the holidays several members of the church received letters from former members and friends. Harold and Helen Harriger published tidings from Cleveland. Paul and Wilma Willcox issued their diary from New York City. The minister received a very fine letter and Christmas card from Dean Reese in far away Africa. He says, "Let some of the church friends know that mail means a lot clear out here." He says they are having their "cool season just now, only gets to 100° in the sun, but in the hot season it 140° in the shade, and no shade."

Dr. Clovis G. Chappell of Jackson, Miss., will be the speaker at the mass meetings of the National Christian Mission, February 21-26.

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance, January 1, 1942	\$ 25.40
Regular Offerings	4,621.71
Missions	455.45
Loose	382.33
Initial	19.85
Tidings	131.25
Coal	28.70
Christmas	71.67
Christian Youth Fellowship	42.27
Tornado Insurance (Loss Draft)	42.90
Easter	102.45
Candlelight Communion	18.91
Emergency Thousand	1,045.80

7,013.49

Less amount C.Y.F. carried over

from 1941 20.97

\$6,992.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Minister's Salary	\$2,600.00
Custodian's Salary	659.00
Secretary's Salary	334.50
Organist's Salary	260.00
Choir Director Salary	230.00
Church Supplies and Expenses	351.21
Unified Promotions	425.45
C. Y. F.	22.50
Postage	42.98
Coal	658.14
Interest on Mortgage	90.00
Repair Parsonage (Windstorm Dmg.)	46.90
Water	34.90
Gas	30.57
Light and Power	100.14
Telephone	43.67
Gas Allowance	120.00
Tidings	311.99
Service Charge	29.63
Office Supplies	59.12
Official Board Flower Fund	5.00
Pension Fund	240.00
Insurance Premium	46.20
Indiana Foundation	10.00
Purdue Foundation	10.00
Convention Expense	20.00

\$6,791.90

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1942\$ 200.62

Unpaid Bills as of Jan. 1, 1943.....NONE

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BROTHERHOOD DINNER

The annual Brotherhood Dinner will be held Sunday, January 24. The time has been changed from date as announced in last week's issue of the Tidings, from a week night to Sunday noon. Because of rationing it was thought advisable to hold the Brotherhood Dinner immediately following the morning worship on Sunday, January 24.

The theme of the Brotherhood Dinners is "Humanity Hungers." Special efforts are being made throughout the Disciples brotherhood to secure large offerings for the distressed of humanity in the war-infested areas around the world. Seven national agencies assisting in War Relief are to share the offerings among the suffering peoples in war devastated areas.

The dinner meeting will be a pot-luck or carry-in meal, and will be in charge of the Social Committee of the church, Mrs. Harrison Simon, chairman. Every person is urged to bring a generous sharing so all visitors who attend the morning worship may be invited to remain for the Brotherhood Dinner. Further details of the program will appear in next week's issue of The Tidings. A special program, arranged by the War Relief Committee of the Disciples, will be of vital interest to every person who has a son serving with the colors.

Plan your dinner for the Brotherhood Dinner a week from next Sunday.

The committee in charge of dinner will furnish **COFFEE and SUGAR**. All you can drink.

OFF TO CAMP

Two more of First Christian's young men have reported for duty with the Armed Forces. Wayne Tracey and Lynn Miller left last week. There are now two members of the Tracey family serving with the colors. Wayne made his confession and was baptized the Sunday before he left. Lynn rendered his parting service to his church by directing the Christmas pageant. They will both be greatly missed by their church.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION

February 21-26

One of the greatest cooperative Christian endeavors of the Protestant churches of Fort Wayne will be the National Christian Mission. For six full days, Sunday through Friday, February 21 to 26, meetings, forums, conferences, seminars, civic clubs, schools and labor groups engagements, and other organizations, will be held in different places throughout the city.

The outstanding event of the National Christian Mission will be the mass meetings held each night at the First Presbyterian church when Dr. Clovis Chappell of Jackson, Miss., will be the speaker of the evening, one of America's leading evangelical preachers.

The National Christian Mission is one of more than thirty missions conducted throughout America by the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, and is sponsored in Fort Wayne by the Ministerial Association of which Rev. Burgess is the president. Every member of First Christian is urged to reserve the whole week, February 21-26 for the National Christian Mission. Hear Dr. Chappell.

Headquarters of the National Christian Mission is at 418 Citizen's Trust Building, phone A-1251. A secretary is on duty each afternoon.

REVEREND McKIM

Reverend E. A. McKim passed away last Thursday, January 7. In ill-health he spent the last few months with his son, Clausen, at Pine Bluff, Ark. Rev. McKim was minister of First Church and Central Church eleven years, the longest ministry in Fort Wayne of any Christian minister. He was only 54 years of age when he passed away.

A CONFESSION

Richard Michaels, 327 Kinsmoor, made his confession last Sunday morning, January 10. How beautiful to see a young man dedicate his life to the Master at the same age the Master dedicated His life to His Father's business.



"WHEN I THINK OF GOD"—

Is the title of a new book of devotions for children written by Mabel Niedermeyer, Director of Missionary Education for Children. Miss Niedermeyer with her poetic and religious sense combined with her understanding of the hearts of children has produced a beautiful and readable book for the children themselves. Since this is an important field of religious literature and one in which there is a scarcity of materials, Miss Niedermeyer's book will be a real contribution.



JAPANESE STUDENTS RELOCATED

Evacuated Japanese Americans have now been placed in 93 colleges, the National Student Relocation Council has announced. Reports indicate that 162 students have arrived in colleges throughout the country, 166 are on their way to or are waiting for travel permits. These are in addition to those who were able to relocate themselves before travel was frozen. Five hundred colleges have been approved and some 1,500 students are now eligible for relocation.

Two colleges among the Disciples have already enrolled some of these students—Lynchburg College at Lynchburg, Virginia, and Drake University in Des Moines. In both cases the students are well received and there is a feeling in both instances that there is a permanent advantage in having set this example of the sincerity of the democratic process. Other colleges have been approved but as yet students have not been enrolled.

FEEDING IN FRANCE

Famine conditions in France are met this year with graver concern than previously by the American Friends Service Committee, as the difficulty of procuring food increases and the summer gardens did not produce as had been expected. The Service Committee assisted by funds from churches helping in the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals has maintained since 1941 a home colony for 250 children whose parents are not able to support them. Five hundred children are cared for in the Quaker colonies—these children's parents are either dead or are prisoners of war. In addition to these two groups the Friends are supplementing the feeding of children in internment camps and it is estimated that hundred's of children have been thus saved from starvation.

Concerning the school gardens a Quaker representative writes:—

"We do not know whether it is possible to send over seeds from America. If it is, we see a real interest in that symbolical gesture, the children having received so much from America would be proud to grow American seeds. We feel convinced that in spite of all the difficulties, we must go on with this project. We will not have wasted our efforts if the idea of school gardens is taken up by towns and villages. Nor will we have worked in vain if the children have had the joy of working in the sunshine for their school fellows. We feel that for them it is the lesson of fellowship and will give them a feeling of their own responsibility in the reconstruction of France.



MISSIONARY TOURS MONTANA

A layman in Montana after hearing four missionary addresses felt that if a missionary could tour his state visiting among people and delivering missionary messages the spark of missionary interest would flame into a real concern for the world task. Because of his interest in this project Mrs. David Byerlee, a missionary to the Belgian Congo, made a six weeks' visit in his state, visiting eleven cities. On this trip she made forty-seven missionary addresses to adults, conducted seven special children's programs and spoke in several high schools. Although she made this tour during the harvest season the attendance at all of the meetings was exceedingly good and a substantial interest stirred as was evidenced by the gifts made to missionary work in the state.

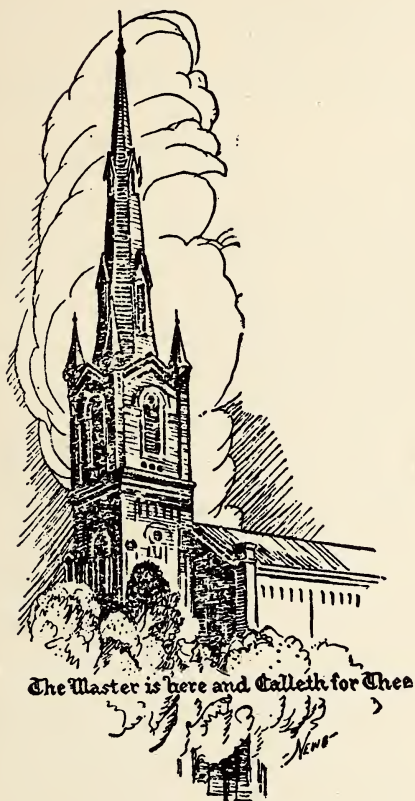
*How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Jehovah of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah!
My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God!*



THE CHURCH

This is the church of my dreams.
A Church adequate for the task.
The church of the warm heart,
Of the open mind,
Of the adventurous spirit;
The church that cares,
That heals hurt lives,
That comforts old people,
That challenges youth;
That knows no divisions of culture or class,
No frontiers, geographical or social,
The church that inquires as well as avers,
That looks forward as well as backward,
The church of the Master,
The church of the people,
The high church, the broad church, the
low church,
—High as the ideals of Jesus,
—Low as the humblest human;
A working church,
A worshipping church,
A winsome church;
A church that interprets the truth in terms
of truth
That inspires courage for this life and
hope for the life to come;
A church of all good men,
The church of the living God.

John M. Moore



*For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

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OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAYS

	Jan. 3	Jan. 10
Regular	\$ 40.36	\$ 99.66
Missions	1.74	9.49
Building Fund	1.30	3.50
Loose	4.93	12.95
Christian Youth Fellowship....	2.10	.....
Hearthstone	3.90	1.30
Christmas .....	.25	9.00
Thanksgiving .....	.....	1.00
Coal .....	.....	3.25
American Bible Society .....	.55	.....
TOTAL	\$ 55.13	\$140.15

EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ONE

If you did not receive your carton of envelopes for your weekly contribution to the church will you please let the minister or any one of the financial secretaries know about the error committed. Everyone should have a carton of envelopes.

The Steady Subscriber

How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber

Who sends in his check the week it is due.
He makes life a pleasure, through him we
work gladly

To have a real church that is vital and new.
—Clipped.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Little Gail Parson, 311 W. Douglas, underwent an appendectomy operation last Thursday, January 7. She is at the Methodist hospital, room 509.

James Hirschey is recovering from a case of pneumonia at Scott Field Air Base, Scott Field, Ill., near St. Louis.

COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK

The regular monthly meeting of the General Executive of the Woman's Council will be held next Tuesday. The General Executive will meet at 1:00 o'clock with a splendid program following. Mrs. W. L. Hilbish will lead the devotions. The speaker of the afternoon will be Miss Eleanor Smeltzley. Miss Smeltzley was a former teacher at South Side High School. She is a world traveler, having visited all the continents, every country except Persia and India. When she resigned teaching in 1941 she had transportation for a trip around the world but gathering war-clouds prevented the trip. She has spoken to many church groups and study clubs in Fort Wayne and vicinity.

The Woman's Council is an organization whose membership comprises every woman of the church—every member should attend.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

The new Year Book of the Disciples has some interesting figures to reveal. It shows that our Disciple churches in Indiana had 7,025 less additions last year than the year before, and 43,407 less pupils enrolled in the church school than the year before. Of the 694 Disciple churches in Indiana 408 churches did not have a single baptism last year. 20 churches had only 1 baptism; 23 churches had only 2; 11 had 3; 15 had 4; 18 had 5; 13 had 6; 17 had 7; 13 had 8; 6 had 9; 0 had 10.

Only 65 churches of the 694 in Indiana had 20 or more baptisms, 8 churches had 50 or more and only one church in Indiana had 100 baptisms. First Christian was one of the 65 churches that had 20 or more.

In returning from a 31,000 mile world trip Mr. Wendell Willkie said, "We must fight our way through, not only to the defeat of our enemies, but to the triumph of a new world idea. We must win the peace. . . . Men and women all over the world are on the march—physically, intellectually, spiritually. After centuries of ignorant and dull compliance, hundreds of millions of people in eastern Europe and Asia are beginning to see a great light. . . . America must be more than an arsenal of ideals. . . . Only if the religious forces have the courage and the intelligence to insist that America keep its purposes clean and clear will religious values be enabled to play an active role in building the new world."

—From The Christian Advocate.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. Flora Virts, 2526 S. Harrison, in the passing of her brother at Tiffin, Ohio, in November.

To Mrs. Vinton Cremer, 1017 College, in the passing of her mother on January 1.

To Miss Frances Dowty, 612 W. Main, in the passing of her father in Ohio.

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DISCIPLES BROTHERHOOD DINNER

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Next Sunday will be a red-letter day for First Christian. Every loyal, faithful member of the church should endeavor to be present at this great fellowship meeting. It is the purpose of the Brotherhood Dinners of the Disciples to have fellowship with the suffering peoples of the world, men of the Armed Forces who are suffering in prison concentration camps behind barbed-wire barricades, orphaned missions, the dispossed peoples in many places of the earth.

Every family is urged to attend church next Sunday and remain for the dinner which will follow. Dinner will be served about 12:30 or 1:00 o'clock. Any who can not attend the church worship are urged to come for the dinner.

The social committee, composed of Mrs. Harrison Simon, Mrs. Mae Sheline, Mrs. Leo Miller, Mrs. Joseph Siples and Mrs. John Sutton, will arrange the dinner on the tables. Coffee and sugar will be served by the committee. **Bring your own table service.**

A generous offering will be taken for Hungering Humanity.

The program is built around the theme: "Humanity Hungers." Harry Hiler, chairman of the board, will preside. Wayne Meyers will serve as toastmaster. Darrel Norwood, former minister at Milford, Ind., and student at Transylvania College, will bring the challenge of the hour.

THE PROGRAM

Harry Hiler, Presiding

Wayne Meyers, Toastmaster

The Doxology.....led by Mrs. Guy Abbott

Grace for MealJ. M. Fitch

Dinner.....arranged by Social Committee

The Year in Retrospect.....

.....Directed by Chairman of Board

"Humanity Hungers"Darrel Norwood

Greetings from Relief Agencies:

Friends Service Committee.....Robt. Clipp

War Prisoners Aid.....John Davis

World Emergency Fund.....Mrs. Robt. Scott

Orphaned Children of War Countries.....

.....Mrs. J. R. Coar

Funds for Bible Society.....A. O. Schell

Relief for Christian Refugees

.....Mrs. John Sutton

Relief for Evangelical Church of Europe

.....Mrs. Chas. Dare

China ReliefBurdette Burk

Greetings from Church Chorus.....The Choir

There is an Empty Bowl at Your Table

.....Mrs. J. R. Coar

Hymn—"Where Cross the Crowded Ways
of Life.

BenedictionRev. S. J. Burgess

Correction—Last week's Tidings had Mr. Wendell Willkie to say, "America must be more than an arsenal of ideals." What Mr. Willkie **did say** was, "America must be more than an arsenal of democracy; it **must be** the **arsenal of ideals**. . . . Only if the religious forces have the courage and the intelligence to insist that America keep its purposes clean and clear will religious values be enabled to play an active role in building the new world."

HOW AMERICA ANSWERED

Our genial friend and co-minister, Rev. F. E. Davidson of South Bend, makes this most pertinent observation, "The President of the United States asked that the Christian people of our nation gather in their sanctuaries of worship and spend at least a part of New Year's Day in prayer and meditation. With no desire to be critical I am forced to say that if the armed forces of our land give no better account of themselves than the church members of our nation did in answer to the President's request the victory will be a long way off. Of course, if civilization can be saved by pouring alcoholic liquors down the throat and by spending New Year's Eve and New Year's Day on the dance floor then we are perhaps on the way to salvation." How tragically true that is.

Oswald W. M. McCall, minister, New First Congregational Church, Chicago, says, "The age of science and the machine is a creature with mind but not morality, metallic but not merciful, soulless, soulless!"



January 20, the Brotherhood Dinner will be held throughout the nation. This annual observance by Disciples of Christ has increased both in richness of fellowship and meaning with the years. This year the hungry millions of humanity will be the center of our thinking and on each table will be an empty bowl symbolical of the empty bowls in great areas of life today. It is one of the purposes of our fellowship this year to help fill the empty bowls and thus give expression to the compassionate love of Christ which dwells in the hearts of Christians everywhere. The funds received from the Brotherhood dinner will be administered by the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals which serves as an agency for eight international service committees—The American Friends Service Committee, The American Bible Society, The Church Committee for China Relief, The International Missionary Council, The Central Bureau for Relief of Evangelical Churches, The Y. W. C. A. Emergency Fund, The American Committee for Christian Refugees, the Y. M. C. A. War Prisoners' Work.

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LETTER FROM DR. A. G. HENDERSON

The latest word from Dr. A. G. Henderson, interned in Germany, was a card to Dr. Yocum, of the Foreign Division which reads as follows: "Life goes on here much the same. The medical work keeps us quite busy and there are many other interests which help to keep us quite busy and there are many other interests which help to keep one from going stale. My turn to preach at the Sunday morning service comes round about every two months. This is a very needy mission field, but there is much resistance to the Word of God. In spite of that, we have definitely felt the workings of the Holy Spirit in many of our gatherings. I am very thankful and appreciative for your prayers and would ask for their continuance. Have you any news about the Smiths, Hubers, and Fongers? I look forward to hearing about the doings of all the U. C. M. S. family. Yours in Christ's service—Fred."

Dr. Henderson is assisting in an internment camp for war prisoners as one of the two hospital physicians.

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"The soul of man is made for reverence as the harp is made for music, as the flower is made for fragrance." But true reverence is revealed in one's attitude toward his fellows even more clearly than is his attitude toward God. No man can be right in his relation to God who is wrong in his attitude to his fellows: just as he cannot be right in his attitude towards his fellows when he is wrong in his relation to God.

PRISONER'S WAR SERVICE

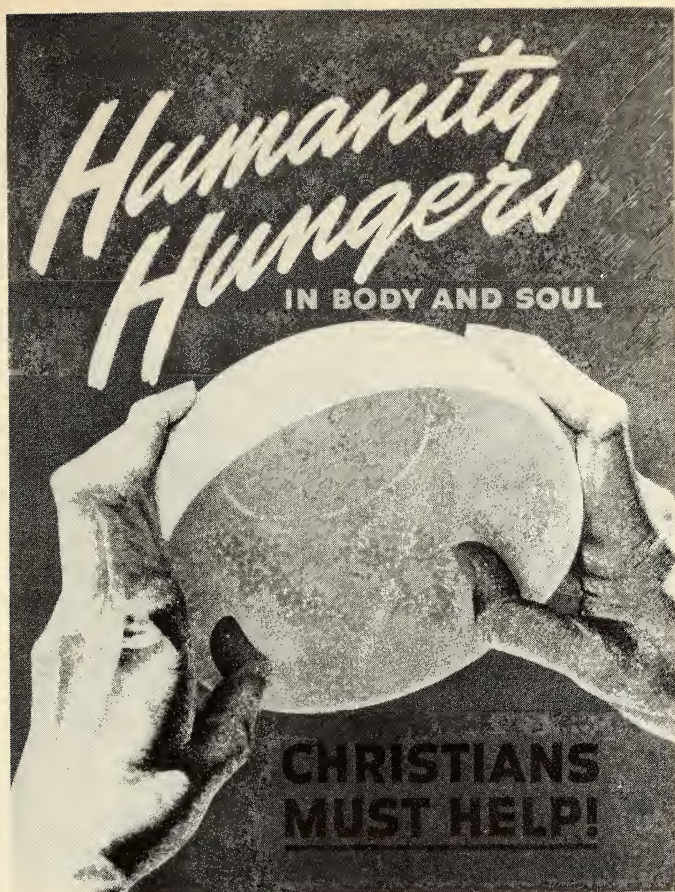
Service given to blinded English soldiers in Germany is reported by the War Prisoner's Aid of the Y. M. C. A.—Twenty-five blind British prisoners have been brought together in one camp, largely through the influence and patient efforts of the Y. M. C. A. where under a highly qualified German professor they have learned to read and write in Braille, have studied stenography, new trades, preparing for the post-war period. They were overjoyed when recently a piano furnished by the Y. M. C. A. arrived in camp."

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THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY M. C. I.

The 30th anniversary of the Mexican Christian Institute has come and gone but happy memories still linger in many hearts in San Antonio. About 250 friends and neighbors of the Institute came to the silver tea and open house sponsored by the adult forum group. One highlight of the evening was the presentation to the Institute of the picture of "Head of Christ," by Salman.

The Mexican Institute opens its doors to the Air Raid Warden's School three nights a week. At the request of the older women of the community, a Citizenship Class has been organized which meets two afternoons a week. The total enrollment of the Institute in November including library, kindergarten, girls' and boys' departments, health clinics (general and city) totaled 2,603.



God dwells among the lowliest of men. He sits in the dust heap among the prisoners. With the juvenile delinquent He stands at the door begging for bread. He throngs with the starving multitudes at the place of desolation. He is among the sick and wounded. He stands beside the dispossessed on strange shores. He waits with the victims amid the broken ruins of home and school and church.

Therefore, let him who would meet God visit the prison cell before going to the temple. Before he goes to church, let him visit the hospital. Before he reads His Bible, let him help the beggar standing at his door. Before he gives thanks for daily bread, fill his brother's empty bowl.

(Adapted from Kagawa)

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Regular	\$ 85.22
Missions	8.22
Building Fund	1.45
Loose	7.28
Initial40
First Christian Tidings	1.00
Coal	1.15
Christian Youth Fellowship .....	.60
Universal Bible .....	.50
Hearthstone .....	.75
Total	\$106.58

NEW OFFICERS

New Officers for the LaKoda Class were elected last Sunday. They are: President, Miss Thelma Trumbower; V.-Pres., Miss Ruth Cunningham; Sec.-Treas., Miss Dorothy Hendry; Asst., Miss Norma Young; Lookout Chairman, Miss Ruth Cunningham; Rec.-Sec., Juanita Rouch.

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are now in, bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

—Lincoln.

Notice!!! The Junior Church will hold its worship next Sunday in the LaKoda Class rooms. The change is made that the Social Committee can arrange the dining room for the Brotherhood Dinner. We appreciate this kindness on the part of the Juniors.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Rev. Allen has moved to 525 Madison St.
Gene Firestone and family have returned to Fort Wayne. At present are at his parents. 2212 Alabama Ave. He is employed at the G.E.

If you blow on a spark, it will blaze—
If you spit on it, it will be put out;
Yet both come out of your mouth.
—The Wisdom of Sirach.

Please—Read pages two and three of this issue before you attend the Brotherhood Dinner. During the coming year, church people of America will be called upon to give \$1,-545,000 as their share toward relief of the most flagrant suffering in the devastated areas of the world. This amount represents the United Relief Program of 21 denominations.

Overlooked—Several members report not having received their carton of envelopes for the support of the church for 1943. This is a very great error on our part. We thank you for notifying us. We are more than anxious to see that each member has this necessity. We will see you are taken care of.

Every person should be receiving the Tidings. If you know of anyone who is not receiving his church paper will you please call the minister.

Perhaps you have found out that there has been no secretary in the church office since New Years. It is almost impossible to secure a secretary for part time, at the salary the church is able to pay, when full-time positions are so plentiful and salary are so high. We are glad to announce that the financial secretary's books are being posted by Mrs. Owen Vaught. If there is anything you wish to know concerning your church pledge or payment please call her, H-50094. Any announcements for the paper or items of interest concerning the church call the parsonage, A-86142.

The Progressive Class gave a farewell party in the church parlors last Friday night for the Coar's who are leaving after this week to live at Pendelton for the duration. The occasion could not have been more joyous save for the thought of the Coar's departure. The class will miss their services, and the friendly hospitality of their lovely country home. We hope the duration will be brief.

HOW A LIE GROWS

First, somebody told it.
Then the room wouldn't hold it.
So they tossed it and tossed it, till they got it outside.
Then the crowd came across it.
And never once lost it, so that lie grew far and wide.
That lie brought forth others—
Dark sisters and brothers—
What a terrible crew.
Oh, the people they hurried and worried,
as lies always do.

—Clipped.

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A NOTABLE GATHERING

It is seldom your church paper, The Tidings, refers to events of the past, but it cannot refrain from turning backward to the momentous occasion of last Sunday. Your minister was deeply appreciative of the fine response on the part of all to the call of the Brotherhood Dinner. It was a "V" Sunday. Each one on the program was assigned a part and requested to read John 2:5. They did, and responded uncomplainingly (YOU read it also). The packed dining room and the sumptuously loaded tables attested to the work of the social committee. The toastmaster and general speaker revealed their light which has been transferred from the bushel to the candle-sticks. The church has much need of such fine talent—we will use them often. We are proud of everyone who participated.

Many such fine remarks as this were heard at the close of the morning worship, "Preacher, that was a wonderful sermon," "This is a great service," etc. It was not the preacher preaching last Sunday, but the congregation. It seemed everyone came with hearts attuned to hear and appreciate. Such an interesting congregation would make any minister wax eloquent. A large and appreciative congregation creates enthusiasm and response. Your presence is not based on gas rationing but on loyalty or disloyalty. It did everyone good to see so many present at the morning worship, in spite of so many on the sick list, and young mothers at the hospital.

We hope the congregation will preach as good a sermon next Sunday, and every Sunday.

Two Little Marthas—Misses Jean Wilkens and Dianna McKinley, two energetic Juniors, who graduated last Friday from the elementary schools, spent part of their graduation vacation in cleaning and rearranging the church school cupboards. They did a splendid and much needed piece of work, and appeared to get a great joy out of doing it.

The Glory of Life is—

To love, not to be loved;
To give, not to get;
To serve, not to be served.

TO TAKE CENSUS

Dr. Oliver Black of the Federal Council of Churches, New York, is to be in Fort Wayne on February 4 for a three-session meeting to assist the ministers of the Ministerial Association in setting up a city-wide religious census and pre-Easter evangelical crusade. The census will be city wide, while the crusade embraces five counties. Each church is to have one lay-leader at the morning and afternoon session. The evening meeting is open to the public. All sessions will be held at the First Presbyterian church.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION

Are you reserving the week of Feb. 21-26 for the National Christian Mission? If not you will miss one of the most important religious gatherings ever held in the city. Conferences, seminars and meetings will be held morning, afternoon and night each day from Sunday to Friday. All mass meetings will be held at the First Presbyterian church. Save Feb. 21-26 for the National Christian Mission. Headquarters are at 418 Citizens Trust Building, A-1251.

MOVIES DOWN MEXICO WAY

On Monday night, February 15, Miss Loretta Foellinger will show colored movies of our southern neighbors. Miss Foellinger made a trip last summer "south of the border" and took the pictures she is showing. Every one is invited to see the pictures, 8:00 P. M. February 15. There will be neither charge nor offering taken. The pictures are being sponsored by the Guild Girls. (Date of meeting changed from Feb. 8 to 15).

IN ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers, Grover Hill, Ohio, were in an auto accident last Sunday. They were returning from the Brotherhood Dinner when they met in a head-on collision on a narrow bridge near home. Neither was seriously injured. They had driven forty miles to be at church and the dinner.

Mr. Forest Rouch, 2021 Webster St., foreman at Wabash yards, was injured in a fall at work. He is in the St. Joseph Hospital, room 258.



Dr. P. D. Suhknandan, native physician from Central Province, India, who has been in the churches of the Brotherhood a great deal of the time during the last year, is now en route to his home in India. He resigned his position in the Pennsylvania Hospital December 1st, in order to take a plane for South America and thence to South Africa and India.



CHANGING SCENES IN JAMAICA

"The even tenor of Jamaican life seems to be gone forever," writes E. R. Moon, missionary to Jamaica. "To the urban drift, which has been a drain on our rural churches in recent years, has been added two new factors—large numbers of laborers who have been engaged in naval and air base construction, and government land settlement. The government has taken over some large estates and divided them, making it possible for numbers of homeless Jamaican families to buy and own their own homes. These factors challenge us with new opportunities.

"Living expenses are up 100% over pre-war prices. So keen is the struggle for bread that in places, whole families have migrated to centers of employment of cultivatable lands, leaving long established homesteads and the church 'high and dry.'"



Miss Helen Spaulding, for several years national director of young people's and children's missionary organizations, has accepted a position with the International Council of Religious Education as associate director in the youth department. Miss Spaulding has been of great service to the Brotherhood in an important field and will be greatly missed. However, the Brotherhood rejoices with her as she comes into this larger service.

RELIGIOUS BOARDS UNITING

A most significant meeting of church leaders was held in Cleveland, Ohio, December 2-6, when interdenominational boards met for the purpose of considering a uniting of their boards into one organization, possibly to be known as the North American Council of Churches of Christ. These groups include the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council, the International Council of Religious Education, Missionary Education Movement and others. Such a union will eliminate a duplication of function and will increase the strength of inter-church action, in fulfilling the demands made upon the church today. It will be several years before such union can be accomplished. The launching of such a plan however is important at this time when there are tremendous calls upon the religious people of America.

War inflicts its first wound in the heart of the family life. Yet the spirit of the family may reach its zenith in time of trial. Storms may rage on the surface but love provides calm twenty fathoms down.

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WHAT CHRISTIAN FAMILIES CAN DO

Children suffer enough from war pressures without having to live with "jittery" parents. If your relationship to God, your trust in the power of love, your understanding of yourself do not give you the assurance your child needs in you, look carefully to your own spiritual life. Your church and your pastor can help.

Your child gets his religion where he gets his love and his life. He receives more help through you than through any other teacher.

War is hardest on young people. Help and counsel them in such a way as to reduce rather than increase the conflicts, tensions, and adjustments they must face. Fellowship in play, and good times, cooperative work, shared hobbies, family projects and the family council in which all share are needed more than ever for family solidarity and morale. The home is the foundation of democracy.

The more thoroughly a family lives its religion, the richer will be those occasions when this comes to conscious expression, as in grace at meals, Bible reading, prayer, family music periods and celebrations. Some families have a "secret place" where each one can go for private devotions.



The family can help prepare for ultimate reconciliation. The better world in which our children will live depends on our courage today.

The Christian Home can be an island of security in the midst of confusion, and of love in the midst of hate.

COUNCIL MEETING

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. M. D. Owen, 1323 E. Pontiac next Tuesday, February 2.

The Esther Group will meet with Mrs. James Irwin, 901 Third St., next Wednesday, 2:15 P. M., February 3. Program leader will be Mrs. A. L. Haddox; Devotions, Mrs. Homer Broxon.

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Coal	9.50
Christmas	5.00
Brotherhood Dinner	65.25
Total	\$172.41

We appreciate the kindness of the Junior Church in vacating the Junior rooms during the church hour last Sunday. Thanks, young folks.

A FRIENDLY PARTY

The Friendly Bible class will have a "Dutch treat" on Friday night, February 5. The men are planning on entertaining the women with some original stunts, and the women will respond with full dinner pails (the better men are fed the better they work). The mixer ill be held at the church. Each person will bring his own tools to work with (table service).

The latest report from Emergency Million crusade is that \$841,050.00 has been pledged to the campaign to December 31, 1942. \$600,000 of the same has already been paid in. First Christian pledged \$1,200 toward the Emergency Million. They have six months yet to finish the project.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. Collins Mannan, 547 East State St., in the passing of her father at Hartford City on January 22, 1943.

A message from Unified Promotion, received this date, reveals that the Disciples churches for the first six months of the missionary year, ending December 31, 1942, contributed \$33,000 more than in the same period of the previous year—that is real progress. In a troubled world the need of Christ is greater. We are thinking today in world terms. The world service of Christ depends upon the church.

COMMUNION SETS NEEDED

The committee on War services of the Disciples has issued a call for communion ware for the more than 200 Disciple chaplains in military service. They have asked as many churches as can to provide one set. A set costs \$57.50. Can First Christian furnish one? Each religious body must furnish its chaplains with sets. If you wish to share give your contribution to the chairman of the Worship Committee, Robt. Clipp.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. C. A. Lehneke, 1120 Maple, slipped on the ice Tuesday morning while crossing Broadway and suffered bruises and lacerations of the shoulders and head. She is at the Lutheran Hospital, room 404.

Mrs. Chester L. Follis, 1421 Cherokee Rd., was quite ill over the week-end. Is some better now.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, 1716 Edgewater St., was unable to be at the organ last Sunday, the first time she has missed because of illness in many years. She is again able to be in the schoolroom.

Mrs. Mae Sheline, 654 Archer, was confined to her home for about a week with the flu. She is out again.

Mrs. Georgia Ellison, 905 North Anthony, was off duty for about a week with flu.

All of these were missed last Sunday because they are so regular in attendance.

The happiest people are those who are too busy to notice whether they are or not.

MALE TRIO AT LUTHERAN

A male trio made its debut at the Lutheran Hospital last week. The three young men are:

Jeffrey Stephen, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, 4423 Gay St., on Wednesday, January 21, Room 358.

James Linton, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wells, 137 Esmond St., on Thursday, January 21, Room 459.

Richard Howard, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ellison, 2605 Lafayette St., on Thursday, January 21, Room 352.

Christ ALONE can save the world.

Christ cannot save the world ALONE.

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 Every Sunday

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. Let us hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Psalm 130: 5-7.

Regularity in church attendance is determined more by desire than by distance.

CHECKING THE NEW-COMERS

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 7, 8, 9, a city-wide census will be made to find the names and addresses of all newcomers to the city, and all changes of addresses. The census is sponsored by the ministerial association and is being set up by Dr. Oliver Black of New York City. Every participating church is asked to furnish a large group or workers for the census. The committee on evangelism, Joe Fitch, chairman, would be pleased to have the names of those who will volunteer to assist in the canvass. Date, March 7, 8, 9. To volunteer, call A-1835

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular monthly meeting of the official board will be held next Monday night, February 8, at 7:30 p. m.

Memorial Flowers

The beautiful floral decorations last Sunday were in memory of Mrs. Mae Swanson whose birthday was February 2, and who passed away in February 1939. They were presented by her two daughters.

*"And not until the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the pattern
And explain the reason why.*

*The dark threads were so needful
In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern which He planned.*

WHY CHURCHES FAIL

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
Real service is what I desire.

I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord—
But don't as me to sing in the choir.

"I'll say what yo u want me to say, dear Lord.
I like to see things come to pass.

But don't ask me to teach girls and boys, dear Lord—

I'd rather just stay in my class.

"I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord.

I yearn for the Kingdom to thrive.

I'll give YOU my nickels and dimes, dear Lord—

But please don't ask me to tithe.

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord.

I'll say what you want me to say.

I'm busy just now with myself, dear Lord—

I'll help you some other day."

—The Lookout.

"Great minds have purposes; others have wishes. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; great minds rise above them."

—Washington Irving.

"AND WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR?"

Many people do not know how their neighbors live. On Monday night, February 15, you will have the opportunity of learning something about how our neighbors to the south of us live. Miss Loretta Foellinger on her tour of Mexico last Summer took interesting pictures of the ways and manners of the people of Mexico. Some of the pictures depict the scenes not seen on the usual tourist highways. Some of the pictures are in colors.

Miss Foellinger will show them at 8:00 p. m., Monday night, February 15, in the social rooms. No charge and no offering. Everyone invited.

National Christian Mission.

February 21-26, Monday through Friday.

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CHRISTIANS CAN PLAY WITH ANYONE

Christians might find a wholesome lesson in the following story taken from a letter of one of our missionaries to India—

Livingstone was the small son of one of our native workers. One day he met a neighboring Chamar boy and invited him to play with him. "Play with you! You don't mean you would play with me? I am a Chamar?" "O yes," said Livingstone, "But I am a Christian and can play with anybody." Seeing that this meant nothing, he continued, "I am an unusual person, I can play with people of all castes because I am a Christian. Have you never seen a Christian boy before—Christians love everybody. Come on and play with us." The Chamar boy did come and play.



NEW HIGHWAYS IN AFRICA

A recent newsletter from the Congo carries a letter from Miss Martha Bateman concerning a recent itinerary in the newer districts. She writes:

"I saw a mixture of the old and the new. The government was building wide, gravel-surfaced roads through sections where neither schools nor churches have ever been established. Along these roads, plants of the large luscious pineapple outlined the streets where people would soon build their new mudhouses. Pineapples and papaya are two fruits new to this country, and they produce both quickly and generously. Everywhere I went, people with all kinds of diseases came that they might be cured. When I explained that I had not attended a school where medicine was taught, they were amazed and failed to see any logic in that answer, so they continued to ask for help.



H. G. HANEY RESIGNS

Marshall Glenn Haney, who has served the brotherhood in the capacity of executive field secretary of the Committee on War Services, has recently resigned his position to take the pastorate of the First Christian Church of Greensburg, North Carolina. Mr. Haney has had responsibility for religious work near military camps and industrial defense centers as well as support of army chaplains of the brotherhood. This service with the past year has become a most important phase of the brotherhood causes and Mr. Haney has served it most faithfully.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AT CORNELL

John H. Reisner, Secretary of Agricultural Missions.

The Foreign Division recently received this note from John H. Reisner, national secretary of Agricultural Missions, concerning the eight missionary candidates in Cornell University, specializing in rural missions—

"I have just returned from Cornell where I met eight missionary candidates of the Disciples of Christ. I cannot refrain from sending along this note to tell you how enthusiastic I am about them. Those three married couples (Whitmer's, Fuqua's and Halls) are about the finest young missionary couples that I have seen for a long time. They are thoroughly committed to the rural cause and I know this year at Cornell is going to add tremendously to the effectiveness of their service on the field in years ahead. I found the two men, Whitmer and Fuqua, working on the experimental fields under the direction of one of the professors in the Department of Agronomy. The two single men (Corathers and Cherryhomes) are both excellent also."



"I BELIEVE—

I believe that the fulfillment of the teaching of Jesus is possible.

I believe that even if I should be the only one, there is nothing else for me to do but fulfill it.

A religious man is guided in his activity not by the consequences of his action, but by the consciousness of the destination of his own life.

A religious man fulfills the work prescribed to him by God, without arguing as to what will become of that work.

—Tennessee Christian



"Silence"

We cannot say too much for silence—and entering into the silence. Some one reminds us that silence is “like the sleeping seas. It gathers to itself calmness and strength. It rests upon peace and beauty. It is the whisper of endless time. It is the purifier of men’s souls. It is the mighty force that bears human souls to the realms of greatness.” Not only should we enter into the silence. The silence should enter into us.

*If chosen men had never been alone,
In deep mid-silence open-doored to God,
No greatness ever had been dreamed or done.*

But greatness that is born of silence is not for itself. It is related to achievement. It is but a pause—whether momentary or prolonged—and it stands in measured relation to the music in which it is set.

—Dean Gresham.

*And so I come for deeper rest to this still room;
For here, the habit of the soul
Feels less the outer world’s control,
And from the silence, multiplied
By these still forms on every side,
The world that time and sense have known
Falls off and leaves us, God, alone.*

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

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Regular	\$96.21
Missions	6.79
Building Fund	4.15
Loose	12.67
First Christian Tidings	1.00
Emergency Thousand	1.00
Hearthstone	2.50
Coal	1.80
Total	\$126.12

KEEPING WARM

You will note from the above offerings that some are using the special coal envelopes they found in their carton. A total of \$15.70 has been received in the coal envelopes in January. We wish to thank those who found their coal envelopes and sent in their contributions. Last year the treasurer expended \$658.14 for coal (part) of which was for coal bill of previous year). The government has requested us to keep our coal bin filled. We are heeding its request. Several loads of coal have been put in since Christmas. We owe for these last loads.

In each carton will be found a special envelope for use in keeping the church warm.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow night, Friday, February 5, in the church parlors. The evening's entertainment will be furnished by the men, and the evening's refreshments by the women. We hope they will make it a contest—we hope both will win. Each person is asked to bring his own dishes.

THOSE WITH THE COLORS

Wayne Imbody has finished his base training as a bomber at Great Lakes. He was in church last Sunday. He is enroute to a new station.

Galen D. Feasel, husband of Betty Drewett, had only been in the Service three days when he underwent an appendectomy on January 21. He is in the Station Hospital, Erie Proving Grounds, LaCarne, Ohio.

Bobbie Winfield is in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He will continue his studies at Georgetown University for another year. His address is Box 105, Georgetown University, 37th and "O" Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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DORCAS CLUB

The Dorcas Club, Mrs. Paul Whotton, president, will meet next Thursday, February 11, at the home of Mrs. Bert Leversee, 902 Nutman Ave.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. Corine Malcom, 807 Home Avenue, is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, room 404. She was injured while on way to work last Monday morning.

Lu Ann Bailey, 1805 East State Street, is home from school this week with a bad cold.

Mrs. C. A. Lehneke, 1120 Maple, expects to return to her home this week after a week in the Lutheran Hospital, because of a fall on the ice.

Mrs. Fred Riethmiller, 1924 1/2, South Calhoun, slipped and bruised her shoulder and side several weeks ago, but is now much improved and around the house.

We are happy to report that Mrs. George Meyers, Grover Hill, Ohio, is improving, and was not as seriously hurt as first thought.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 21-26, National Christian Mission
March 7, 8, 9, City-wide Census.
April 18, 19, 20, Evangelical Crusade.

RECIPE FOR LIFE

To a sound body add
Two eveful of vision,
One headful of ideas.
Blend a pound of purpose,
A peck of perseverance,
A dash of courage,
A cup of suffering,
A full measure of understanding,
A heap of loving,
Patience plenty,
And humor, at least a grain.
Spice with variety,
Sweeten with sympathy,
Salt well with sense.
Stir with activity,
Heat with intense passion,
Cool with calm confidence,
Use until gone.

—GALEN LEE ROSE.
—From Front Rank.

Graven in marble, it perishes—written in
deeds, it never dies.

There is danger ahead when one throws
his tongue into high gear before he gets his
brain going.—Church Pointers.

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 a. m. Every Sunday

BLESSINGS OF THE SANCTUARY

The church is properly a place of privilege and blessing. One should attend public worship from a sense of duty until he learns to attend it with joyous anticipation. The church offers an opportunity for the worship of God. In song and scripture and prayer and sermon one may become aware of God. He meets with those who truly worship. Worship ministers to strength of character and inner poise. It is life's highest joy and most rewarding experience. Any person who wants to live life at its best should go to church.—Clipped.

TO USHER

First Christian will have charge of the ushering at the National Christian Mission on Tuesday night, February 23. The following men have been chosen to usher that night: Harold Adams, chairman, Don Crouse, vice-chairman, C. L. Follis, Chas. Young, Cleo Fallick, Don Eyre, Robt. Clipp, Eppie Baker, Elmore Schlatter and Myron Cole.

MEN IN SERVICE

Paul Broxon is in the Army. He reported for duty on January 20, and is stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

John Mettle, son-in-law of Mrs. John Sutton, left for Toledo this week.

Robert Ellison expects to report for duty next week.

WHAT A SHAME

Miss Katherine Leversee, because of illness, missed Church School last Sunday. It was the first time in almost four years. What a shame! We are sorry.

ELDERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Emmett Young John Davis

MOTION PICTURES

The Business and Professional Girl's Guild invite every one to see the motion pictures which Miss Loretta Foellinger will show at the church next Monday night, 8:00 p. m. No charge—no offering. For every one, young and old, men and women.

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EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

The protestant churches of Fort Wayne are to hold an Evangelistic Crusade and City-Wide Census during the Easter Season. At the official board meeting last Monday night it was decided First Christian would participate in the census and crusade. The census will be taken March 7, and the Crusade promoted April 10-18. The evangelistic committee, Joe Fitch, chairman, will foster our churches participation in this cooperative enterprise. Workers are needed to canvas the 3000 blocks of the city. Will you volunteer?

RELIGIOUS SEMINARS

18 religious seminars will be held during the National Christian Mission, February 21-26. They will be held each afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p. m. Men and women of national reputation will conduct the seminars. It is urgently requested that those who expect to attend, enroll for one of the seminars so the committee can determine what arrangements of rooms are needed. To enroll call A-1251 (1:00-4:00 p. m.). There will be no admission fee or charge. Only an offering.

REACHING CENTURY MARK

In a few days Mrs. Monroe Fitch, 409 W. Jefferson St., will have reached her 94th birthday. Her birthday is February 20. A post card brings a bushel of cheer.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. J. G. Roper, 3134 Broadway, has been ill and bed-fast for about three weeks.

Miss Emma Dorris is a patient at the St. Joseph hospital, room 359.

Mrs. John Gerrard, 2620 Central Drive, is ill at home. While she is up and around the house, she has not been able to go to work since Thanksgiving time.

Mrs. Georgia Ellison, 905 North Anthony, after returning to work for a few days is again sick at home.

SECRETARY AT CHURCH

There has been no secretary on duty in the church office since before Christmas. Beginning next Monday a new secretary will be in the office each morning, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. You may call your announcements and items of interest to the church office, A-86145. Mrs. Mary Lois Bynum is the new office secretary.

YOUTH WEEK

January 31-February 7

is an interdenominational observance sponsored by the Youth Department of the International Council of Religious Education. One of the features of the week is an interdenominational communion service on the theme "Our Oneness with God."

On the Committee of Youth Planning Disciples of Christ are represented by Ben Barger, Washington, D. C., and Rose Marie Clodfelter, Indianapolis, and George Oliver Taylor of St. Louis.

There are so many forces within our communities working against Christian values that Christian young people need to develop a sustaining fellowship.



An opportunity to send person-to-person greetings to the youth of Latin America is being offered to the young people of Disciples of Christ. Youth groups of the brotherhood are invited to prepare 10-minute scripts suitable for a phonograph record. These scripts will be sent to the national office in Indianapolis and judged on five points—attitudes, appeal, originality, length and artistry. The form of the script may be musical, speeches, conversation, or any form that will best convey a greeting of good will to the youth of Latin America.



WORLD FRIENDSHIP SEALS

Building good will is the most urgent task of youth for today and tomorrow—youth are called upon to witness to the power of love and friendship so that they may break down the barriers of misunderstanding and hatred between races and nations. The young people of our brotherhood have taken upon themselves to give \$25,000 by June 30, 1943, as a World Friendship Fund. To assist in doing this World Friendship Seal Books have been issued—either for 10-cent or 25-cent stamps. The stamps have individual pictures of missionaries and nationals representing our 240 missionaries and 2,000 nationals, or a symbol standing for the services performed by Disciples of Christ in maintaining world friendship.

In a time when there is so



YOUTH OF AMERICA

There are 21,000,000 persons in the United States between the ages of 16 and 24. Five million of these do not regard themselves as church members. Three million have not attended church at all during the past year and 10,000,000 are receiving no religious education. 50,000 youth are in jail. The average age of the first offender is 19. One million youth of 21 years and up are in the nation's armed forces. 69% of the draftees are Protestants and 13% have no church preference.

A questionnaire was sent to 100 young people, all of them members of church groups and 87 of them church members and it was found that 75% did not observe private devotions; 38% seldom read the Bible or pray; 95% reveal that family devotions are not practiced in their homes; 87% feel that young people generally choose their vocations without taking into consideration the possibility that God may have a plan for their lives.



YOUTH MEETS

One of the most important developments in the youth movements of Disciples in the last few years is that of Youth meets which are held from January to March each year. Last year 116 meets were held in which 12,400 young people participated. This year materials prepared by the missionary education department ate on the general theme, "Building Today for a Christian World," with special emphasis on Latin America. The packet of program materials contain worship consecration, program helps, discussion materials, suggestions for study and educational projects.



***"You whose hearts possess a dream
You whose vision still is true
Will you follow still the gleam?
Will you build the world anew?
Futile is the reign of hate,
Fated is the rule of gold;
On your deeds great issues wait,
Let your hearts with love be bold."***

"I see all history pass by, and through it still shines that face, the Christ face, like a star that pierces drifting clouds and tells the truth. The clouds pass but it remains and shines untouched, a pledge of that great hour which surely comes when storm winds sob to silence, when their fury is spent to silver silence and the moon sails calm and stately through the soundless seas of peace. These present clouds are lies; they cannot last. The blue sky is the truth for God IS love and beauty."

***"You whose hearts possess a dream
God is God; His word is true;
Follow still the luring dream,
Till the world is built anew."***

(Thomas Clark and Studdert-Kennedy.)

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OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

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Missions90
Loose	5.67
First Christian Tidings25
Emergency Thousand	5.00
Coal	2.00
Total	\$53.52

GLADLY ACCEPTED

"Do you ever furnish a box of envelopes to a non-member of your church who has no pledge with you?"

I am a member of the First Christian church of—but expect to attend here for some time. I am in defense work."

The above note was given to the financial secretaries last Sunday. Such a desire to help in the church work is worthy of much commendation. Many good Christian people move to the city and never think of bringing their loyalty and support with them. Many so called Christians never think to offer financial help to the church until entreated by the treasurer or financial secretary. We are happy to receive the above offer.

Yes, we have several fine contributors who are not members of First Christian. Some of our best contributions are by non-members of the church, and are also giving of their talents as well as their means. We appreciate their fine spirit of cooperation.

Yes, in contrast to the above we regret to mention we have members who are non-supporters. We are glad their number is not large.

We answered the above question by sending a carton of envelopes. We have a goodly supply of envelopes on hand. We would be glad to furnish both members and non-members any amount of envelopes they can use.

DON CROUSE,
Church Treasurer.

Your minister wishes to add his word of appreciation to this friend and to all who are moving to Fort Wayne. If all who come to our city would volunteer to help, it would gladden the hearts of us all. May we also say that only last week, two young ladies living in the city called the manse inquiring if their services in the choir would be an im-

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

The regular monthly meeting of the General Executive of the Woman's Council will be held next Tuesday, February 16, at 10:00 o'clock in the social rooms. Following is the program:

Devotions, Martha Circle.

Program topic, "Guatamala"—Leaders, Mesdames David Hogg and A. L. Haddox.

VICTORY PARTY

On March 9, the Ruth Circle will hold a Victory Party. The Victory Party is in lieu of the Martha Washington Tea the circle has held at this season for several years.

CLASS PARTY

The Lakoda class will hold a party next Sunday night at the home of Bill Trumbower, 1917 College St. The party will follow the Christian Youth Fellowship meeting at 6:30 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams are sponsors for the C. Y. F. and Mrs. Herman Sigrist will sponsor the party.

One Circle of the Council called the minister for a list of prospective members in their area. They are sending out callers to build up their circle. The minister will gladly furnish names to other groups if they wish them.

Many fine words of praise were given the choir last Sunday, for their splendid music. Several new members were in the choir. A choir leader has a difficult duty these days obtaining singers when so many men and women are employed so many hours of the week. Mrs. Abbott appreciates the fine response last week and wishes all to help who can. A choir leader cannot direct a choir unless she has a choir to direct. If all who can sing will come to choir rehearsal our choir leader will produce beautiful music.

Inter-racial Sunday will be observed in the city next Sunday by a mass meeting at the Civic Theatre at 3:00 o'clock. The meeting will be dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. George Washington Carver. A Negro soldiers chorus from the Army Air Base at Baer Field will sing. The meeting is sponsored by the Inter-racial Commission and the Fort Wayne Ministerial Association. No admission charge.

position. They wish to sing. Their services are not an imposition but a God-send to the choir, for they have lovely voices.

And he would add further that a young married couple who moved to the city recently, came to choir rehearsal last week and are a great help. We are anxious to find places of service for all who will serve. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Jesus said, "whosoever will may come."

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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION WEEK

THE CHURCHES OF FORT WAYNE

Theme: "Christ is the Answer"

Morning, Afternoon, Evening, Sunday through Friday.
February 21—28, 1943.

MASS MEETINGS — 7:30 P. M.

Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, Speaker

Every night next week, Sunday through Friday, Dr. Clovis G. Chappell will speak at the First Presbyterian Church, Clinton at Washington Sts.

Dr. Chappell, Jackson, Miss., in one of the outstanding Methodist Preachers of the Southland. Every Christian will want to hear him.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS — 10:00-11:30 A. M.

Mrs. Edna Sardeson, Speaker

Every morning next week, Monday through Friday, Mrs. Edna Sardeson, New York City, will speak at First Presbyterian Church, to women and conduct round table discussions.

Mrs. Sardeson is one of the most outstanding leaders in the United Lutheran Church Association.

Every woman will want to hear her.

AFTERNOON SEMINARS — 2:00-4:00 P. M.

Each afternoon next week three seminars will be held simultaneously at the First Presbyterian Church.

Five afternoons of study and conference.

1. "The Christian Family", Conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Garry Cleveland Myers, Chicago, two distinguished educators and specialists in Child Development and Family Life.
2. "Personal Faith and Experience", Conducted by Dr. George W. Richards, Lancaster, Pa., a leader of inspiration and practical experience.
3. "The Church in Today's World." Conducted by Mrs. Edna Sardeson.

YOUTH MEETINGS

Sunday afternoon, 3:00 P.M., speaker Dr. Chappell at Presbyterian Church.
Wednesday night, 7:30 P.M., speaker Dr. Melvin J. Evans, Chicago, at Plymouth Congregational Church.

The organizations of the Protestant Churches of Fort Wayne have reserved this week for the National Christian Mission.

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INTERRACIAL BROTHERHOOD THROUGH CHRISTIAN UNITY

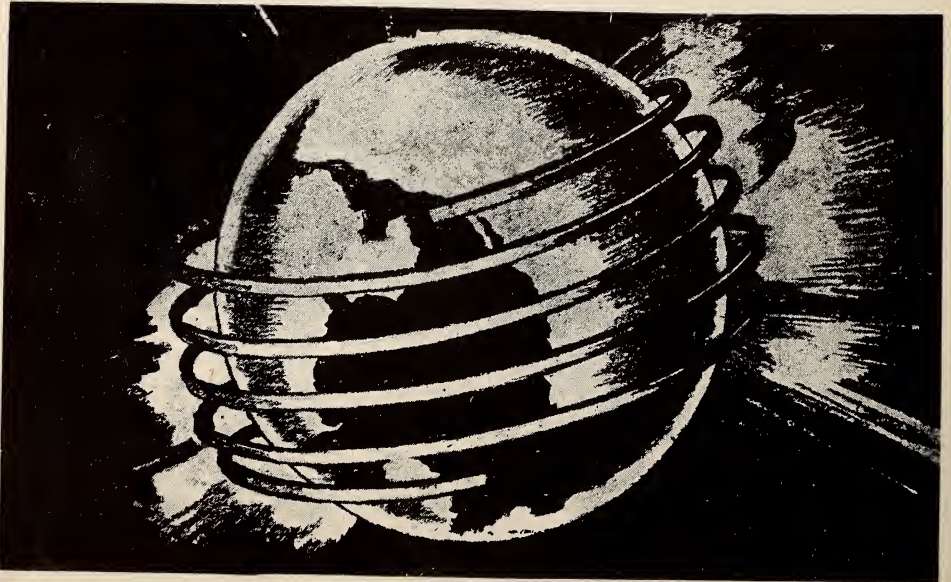
A Message from the Federal Council of Churches

"God hath made the world and all things therein . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth."

"Christianity, Science, Democracy and Common Sense converge on one conclusion:

"Man must be treated as man, apart from race and birth and color. These principles and practices regarding race have not yet been fully accepted among us. Negro citizens have been consigned to the edges of our civilization, denied many of its rights and privileges. They have been hedged about and oppressed. Other racial minorities have been denied their due rights and opportunities as Americans.

"These conditions must be changed. The question of race is no longer a domestic issue. It has been thrust into the center of the world's consciousness; it is a world issue. We cannot say we are fighting for democracy abroad and refuse to practice it at home. "The Christian gospel of love is the remedy for sick humanity. The challenge of the hour is for Christians to apply it to race relations."



BROTHERHOOD MONTH

During the month of February the National Conference of Christians and Jews observes Brotherhood Week. The Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches during the same month fosters the observance of Race Relations Sunday and Brotherhood Month. Each of these organizations hopes that other national and local organizations and communities interested in both observances will cooperate in plans and program. The theme this year is "Interracial Brotherhood through Christian Unity."

EMERGENCY MILLION

C. O. Hawley, director of Emergency Million Campaign has recently reported that \$841,051.00 of the total amount has been received in cash and pledges. Of this amount more than \$600,000 has been paid in cash.

Funds received from Emergency Million have been set to work in 43 military camp and industrial defense areas to provide religious leadership and equipment in churches in these communities; a church in San Juan, Puerto Rico, has been purchased and a new hospital opened in Aguascalientes, Mexico; 21 new missionaries are in training in various universities preparatory to going to the field as soon as possible; six missionaries have been repatriated from enemy territory; and additional workers placed in home mission work; salaries of nationals in foreign fields augmented to match the rising living costs; and state societies have shared in these proceeds.

Fifteen states have already gone beyond their original goals, 13 states have made between 75 and 100% of their goals and 10 states between 50 and 75% of their apportionments.

SAN JUAN CHURCH CELEBRATES

December 7th, 1942, marked the first birthday of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, church. This youngest church of Disciples has made unusual progress since coming into this new building one year ago. The celebration was marked by three features—a dedication of new pews and pulpit furniture, a construction service and a reception for twenty-five new members. The Sunday School attendance has not reached 125 per Sunday.

APPOINTEES TO MISSION FIELDS

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society four new missionaries were appointed—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Williams received appointment to South America. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had served in both Buenos Aires and Asuncion during the years of 1925 to 1931. Since then they have been associated with the work among rural churches of New York. Mr. Williams was associated with the five-year demonstration program in improvement of rural communities conducted by Cornell University and the government. Mrs. Williams was director of rural choirs and the annual choir festival, near Ithaca, New York.

Dr. Dorothea Macdougall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Macdougall, missionary to India, was appointed to the hospital in Bilaspur, India. Dr. Macdougall's sister, Wilhelmina is preparing to return also to India.

Agnes Rogers, of Chicago, was appointed missionary nurse to Africa. Miss Rogers was educated in Butler University, Indianapolis and the Presbyterian School of Nursing in Chicago.

INTERRACIAL CHRISTMAS

Mr. Dan B. Gennung, Jr., of the Los Angeles new home mission established in the former Japanese Christian Mission in Los Angeles—"Our Christmas pageant was considerably more of a success than we hoped. Eighty-five children were present. Many parents—about thirty or forty—were also on hand. The program was good. You will be interested in the cast's composition. Mary was a Chinese girl; Joseph a Mexican; the innkeeper, partly white partly Mexican; The Three Shepherds, were Mexican, Chinese and Korean; the Wise Men were a Negro and two Koreans; the Angels were Mexican and Chinese and the reader a Caucasian."

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Loose	8.76
First Christian Tidings50
Coal	1.50
Christian Youth Fellowship	2.15
Christmas	1.00
Emergency Thousand	10.00
Total	\$122.02

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The U. S. O. has issued a call for volunteer workers to assist in serving the men in the services at their new headquarters at Harrison and Washington. Those who can serve are requested to enroll at headquarters any time between 2:00 P. M., and 8:00 P. M., until February 28. Mothers and sisters should remember that their sons and brothers would not have this service in other parts of the world did not some other mother or sister volunteer. Why not be as kind to some other mother's son as some other mother has been to yours?

ELDERS SERVING SUNDAY

J. Z. Berlien Wm. G. Harrod

APPEALS

The special committee on War Appeals reports that \$17,000.00 has been received from offerings taken at the Brotherhood Dinners in January, and offerings are still coming in. These offerings relieve Hungering Humanity in areas devastated by the war.

COUNCIL GIVES COMMUNION SET

At the General Executive meeting last Tuesday the Woman's Council elected to give a Field Communion set for the Chaplains in the service. The Disciples have over 200 Chaplains serving with the Army, Navy, and Marines, on land and sea and in the air, and their number is increasing rapidly. The government does not furnish the Chaplains with communion sets. Each Denomination is expected to furnish its own Chaplain with the necessary set. Since the Disciples are the only Protestant communion observing The Lord's Supper every Sunday it is expedient that each Chaplain have a Field Communion set.

Each Field Communion set is approved by War and Navy departments and costs \$57.50. The offering is sent to the Committee on War Service which secures the Set for the Chaplains.

The Church School, Robert Clipp, Supt., is also endeavoring to raise funds for a set. Perhaps there are classes that would like to assist.

INDIANA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Did you know that the Protestant churches of Indiana have a Council of Churches? The new organization came into being at the Annual State Meeting of Indiana ministers in Indianapolis in January. The Indiana Council of Churches is affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches and the Indiana Council of Church Women. The Disciples are one of the Co-operating Communions. Bishop Fred L. Dennis is the new President of the Council.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mr. Elmore Schlotter, 926 Lake St., has been ill at home for over a week. He is now able to be around the house but not back to work.

OFF TO SERVICE

Mr. Doyle Bennett, husband of Mrs. Rachel Frame Bennett, left for Toledo on February 1, to report for duty.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. Louise Nichols, 714 Van Buren St., in the sudden death of her son last Sunday, whose funeral services were held yesterday.

The National Christian Mission was initiated by the Fort Wayne Ministerial Association and is promoted by special National Christian Missions Committee.

All the main sessions of the National Christian Mission will be held at First Presbyterian Church unless otherwise announced. The Wednesday Night Youth Rally will be at Plymouth Congregational Church.

A breakfast is being held each morning, 8:00-9:00 A. M. for all leaders, workers, and speaker at Keenan Hotel.

Keep tuned to your local radio stations for addresses at different times during the week.

There will be no admission fee at any meeting. Offerings will be received at the mass meetings and a few other meetings.

Meetings will be held for pupils in the high school and colleges of the city during the day.

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 a. m. Every Sunday

—:—

"Dear Lord, Kind Lord,
Gracious Lord! I pray
Thou wilt look on all I love,
Tenderly today.
Weed their hearts of weariness;
Scatter every care,
Down a wake of angels wings
Winnowing the air.
Bring unto the sorrowing
All release from pain;
Let the lips of laughter
Overflow again!
And with all the needy
Oh! divide, I pray
This vast treasure of content
That is mine today."
—James Whitcomb Riley.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

In a few more weeks you are going to have to pay out some money whether you like it or not. Uncle Sam has told you to do it, and you will do it. No one ever ordered you to pay any money to the church, nor, will they. But if you have not done so, and can do so, your support of your church will be greatly appreciated. Many people are not as loyal to their church as to their government. They will give anything they have to their government when they realize their government's needs, and we highly approve of them doing that. That is as it should be. But they should also remember that One who is greater than their government, without whom their government would not be worth giving to, has said, Render unto government the things that belong unto government and unto God the things that belong unto God. No good American would rob his government. No good Christian would rob his Christ.

Why not treat your church as fair as you treat your country! Support your church as faithfully as you support your country! You cannot be a good American and a poor Christian. Your government can demand—your Christ only entreats. So be fair to both.

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The Friendly Bible Class will meet Friday, March 5th with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, 1834 Sinclair.

LAST CHANCE

If you have not attended the sessions of the Christian Mission this week you have robbed your soul of a real privilege. While the great mass meetings have been well attended, sometimes an overflow crowd, yet, many, many members of our Protestant Churches have failed to hear some of the greatest religious leaders in America who have been in our city a whole week and have conducted over eighty different sessions.

When you have read this issue of the Tidings you still have two more opportunities (Friday afternoon and night) of getting in on this great Christian Mission. Don't rob your soul as many people have, of this rare treat.

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CITY-WIDE CENSUS

The Churches of Fort Wayne are taking a city-wide census. Some 10,000 or 15,000 people have moved to our city who are "Lost", so far as the work of the Church is concerned. They have brought their families to our city but left their church affiliations back somewhere where they came from. It is the desire of the city to know where this great host of church people are living, and get them actively affiliated with the church.

The census will be taken a week from next Sunday, March 21.

2,500 people are needed to take the religious census. Every church is requested to furnish its share of workers. Any person who has finished two years of high school is eligible, if he has a willing heart, to help in this great Christian Crusade.

The Evangelistic Committee wishes all who will to volunteer for service in this crusade on Sunday, March 21. If you can help will you please sign the line below. You may place the same in offering tray next Sunday, or give to the minister. If you prefer you may call the church office.

The Evangelistic Committee is: Joe Fitch, Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Kaegel, Mrs. John Sutton, Owen Vaught, Don Crouse.

I am willing to assist in taking the city-wide census on March 21

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If we love one another God dwells within us.—Zoroaster.



POSSIBILITY OF NEW STATIONS

For many years our Congo Mission has been carrying on richly rewarding work in the Ubangi-Ngiri area, five to seven days journey from Bolenge, and in the Ifumo neighborhood about the same distance above Lotumbe on the Momboyo River. We have 2,500 members in a population of about 50,000 in the Ubangi-Ngiri area and 10,000 members in a population of 75,000 in the Ifumo area.

Churches built against a background of paganism demand constant supervision. To supervise these churches from Bolenge and Lotumbe is an exceedingly difficult task and one that is done at terrific expenditure of time and money and with less than complete satisfaction. For 25 years the Congo mission has planned to build stations in the midst of these churches, and now seems the opportune time to establish these stations. The enlarging of the Congo Mission means the additions of two new couples and two nurses to the staff, as well as provision for churches, schools and missionaries' homes.



CONGO CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE IN SIXTEENTH YEAR

The Congo Christian Institute completed in September 15 years of teaching and graduated its 13th class, in September. The class was composed of 18 regular students. All stations with the exception of Coquilhatville were represented in the class. There have been 244 men and 235 women enrolled and 131 regular students have been graduated. Last years' student body number 94.

The course of study is geared to village life and covers three years. All students must give specific hours to manual labor including agriculture. Graduates of the Institute are now at work with the government and commercial concerns. Managers of business houses are anxious to secure our graduates because they consider them efficient, intelligent, courteous and honest.

LEWIS SMYTHE'S BUSY IN CHINA

In a Christmas letter written in November and received 43 days later the Lewis Smythe family tell the story of their many activities in Free China. Mrs. (Dr.) Smythe, assists in the work of the United Hospital in Chengtu, a center where students and faculty members of the five universities receive medical care.

Dr. Lewis Smythe is teaching nine hours a week in the department of sociology department in the University of Nanking, and also serves as treasurer of the China Mission and of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. The former job came to him with the fall of Shanghai and the latter with the fall of Hongkong. Last year he handled US\$367,000 for Indusco and the budget for 1943 is \$1,650,000. His only assistants are two graduates from Gingling College.

Concerning the rising costs of living he says—"Rapidly rising prices combined with a pegged exchange means that it is going to take twice or three times as many American dollars next year to do as much as was done this year. But the pegged exchange is part of the process of holding together China's already over-strained national economy so we cannot be critical of that. A year ago we told you that the cost of living in Chengtu was 19 times pre-war; now it is 47 times pre-war. In other words the cost of living continuing to double about every eight months. Wholesale prices which seriously effect the work of industrial cooperatives, are 64 times pre-war. Clothing is 100 times and metals and electrical goods are 144 times pre-war. However, because the exchange rate has gone up from C\$3.40 for American dollar to C\$19.75 the actual increase in the cost of living is only eight times in terms of American dollars.

The Chinese have been living off of the country for nearly 9,000 years so we ought to be able to do it.



THE NEW DAY IN MEXICO

This religion that renews is not Protestant. It is not Catholic. This religion that renews mankind, the only one that redeems, the one that thus saves, is the Eternal Religion of the Cross. . . . After presenting Jesus as the Ideal Character, let us show Him as the Saviour.

Let us lead this people to Jesus that they may understand Him as He is, that the spirit of His doctrine may penetrate their hearts; that He may be more than King, that He may be the Friend of Mexico. And if Mexico truly accepts Jesus, it will not be necessary to occupy ourselves with forms.

G. Baez Camargo, Gen. Secy. of Religious Education for the Evangelical Churches of Mexico.

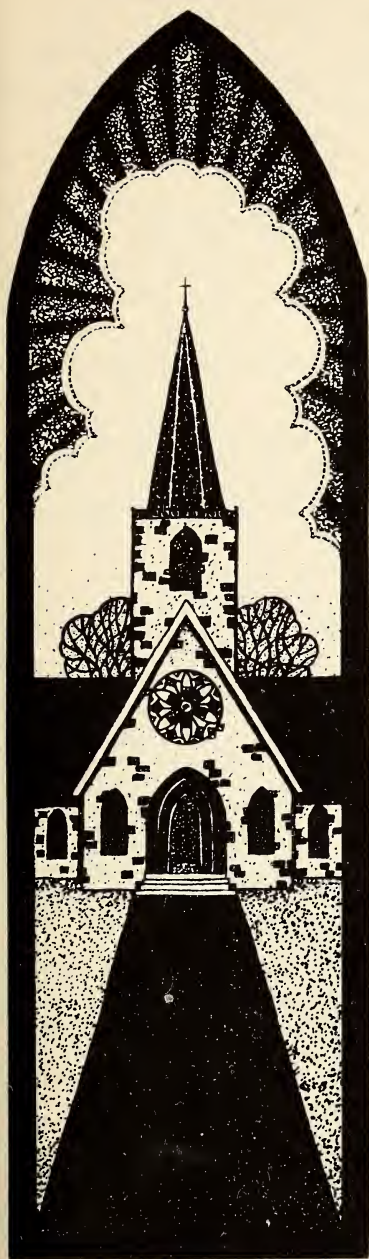
THANK GOD FOR WORSHIP!

Worship is the soul's response to God. . . . It is the spontaneous emotion of love and praise and wonder that goes out to things that are worshipful and lovely. "We live by admiration, hope and love." That is worship, and every form of worship, every religious service, ought so to express God that irresistably the minds of those who are present are moved to love and worship. That is the supreme aim of a religious service, that you should so see God, even if only for a moment of silence or a moment of praise, that you ask nothing more. You no longer want to get anything out of him, you do not seek to change his mind; your heart simply goes out in a passion of love and joy. To create that feeling should be the aim of every religious service.



One way to recollect the mind easily in the time of prayer, and preserve it more in tranquility, is not to let it wander too far at other times. You should keep it strictly in the presence of God; and being accustomed to think of Him often, you will find it easy to keep your mind calm in the time of prayer, or at least to recall it from its wanderings.

Brother Lawrence.



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Emergency Thousand	5.00
Coal	2.50
Total	\$144.21

ABOUT OUR SERVICE MEN

Mr. H. J. Bishop, R. No. 8, Reckeweg Road, has been in the service for several weeks.

Thomas Watson is now located at Grider Field, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. His wife, Ruth Ellison Watson, has joined her husband this week and will remain there as long as he is stationed at Grider Field.

Ensign Harold Hastings, formerly a member of First Christian, was on the U. S. Cruiser Chicago when it went down in the Pacific recently. He has been reported safe. Harold is a nephew of Mrs. A. O. Schell. He has been in the Navy 9 years.

Wayne Tracey is now at Camp Gordon, Ga. He is with the Field Artillery. Wayne reports he has attended church every Sunday since he left. We knew he would. Wayne made his Confession and was baptized the Sunday before he left for Service.

CONFUSION IN CAMP

When the Brotherhood Dinners were held on January 20, at the Church, the owners of two pressure cookers got their utensils confused. One member has a pressure cooker which is not her own. Will the other party who brought food in a pressure cooker please call the church office so correction may be made? Thanks.

JUST ARRIVED

Susan Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rausseau at the Lutheran Hospital, Room 352 on February 23.

JUST MARRIED

Mr. William Edward Trefny and Miss Ressie Anita Barnett at the Manse on February 15

LAKODA PARTY

Next Sunday night the LaKoda Class, Mrs. H. Sigrist, teacher, will hold a party at the home of Miss Thelma Trumbower, 1817 College Street. The party will be immediately following the C. Y. F. meeting at 6:30.

Dr. Guy I. Hoover passed away on February 10th at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Dr. Hoover was for 15 years the General Secretary of the Indiana Christian Missionary Association, from which position he retired two years ago because of failing health. He was 70 years old. He was greatly beloved by everyone who knew him.

ELDERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

J. Z. Berlein

John Davis

COUNCIL MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday—Ruth Circle with Mrs. Henry Ehle, 911 Park View.

Tuesday—Rachel Circle with Mrs. Chas. Cline, 129 West Lexington.

Wednesday—Martha Circle with Mrs. C. F. Kollman, 4538 Lafayette Esp.

Wednesday—Naomi Circle with Mrs. Alix Gagnon at the parsonage, 431 West Jefferson.

Wednesday—Esther Circle with Mrs. Norval Gorham, 1526 Boone St.

STATE MINISTERS' MEETING

The Disciple Ministers of Indiana will convene in Indianapolis at the Central Christian Church, March 1st and 2nd for their Annual Minister Conference. Dr. Hampton Adams, Minister of the great Union Avenue Church in St. Louis, will be the guest speaker. Dr. M. Searle Bates of China will also be on the program.

ON OUR SICK LIST

W. G. Harrod underwent surgery at the Lutheran Hospital last Friday, February 19. He will be at the hospital for a few weeks, room 208. He is doing nicely.

Sharon Lee Crouse, 929 Edgewater, has just recovered from a case of Chicken-Pox. Her father has been at home for several days sick with flu. Don expects to return to work today.

Allan Robinett, 1723 Tecumseh, has a big case of Mumps. He is better now.

The Delmas Young family, on Maysville Road, has not been to church for several Sundays. Little Michael has been ill off-and-on for several weeks.

Marlene Gaskill has been entertaining the Mumps also. She is still at home, but is doing nicely.

Charles Kollman, 4538 Lafayette Esp., was at home ill for a week, but has now returned to work.

The Chorus Choir will use selections at Easter from "The Holy City" by Gaul. When "The Holy City" was presented a few years ago several members bought personal copies. Your choir leader, Mrs. Guy Abbot, would like to borrow all copies that members have at home, if they will kindly loan them to the Church. Will all who have ever sung in the Oratorio "The Holy City" look through their repertoire and see if they can find any copies that the choir could borrow. The choir leader will appreciate the favor.

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WORSHIP 10:30 A. M.

"We can worship God and get happiness.
We cannot worship happiness and get God."

"We are seeking brotherhood.
The world is challenging us to show love."

"When America blesses God, God will bless
America."

LEAVES OF FAMOUS BIBLES

The Fort Wayne Art School and Museum, 1025 W. Berry, has an exhibition of leaves from famous Bibles dating from 1125 A. D., to 1935 A. D. They are original pages done in many languages as well as being examples of Greek, Hebrew, Persian, Medieval European and Early American churches are also shown. They are on exhibition daily from 8:30 a. m., to 4:30 p. m. Everyone welcome.

DAY OF PRAYER

The Woman's World Day of Prayer, observed throughout America, will be held Friday, March 12. The meeting will be held at the Wayne Street Methodist Church, at 2 p. m. One thousand women are expected to attend. The quota expected from First Christian is twenty-five persons. All women invited to come.

Several of the churches of Fort Wayne contributed toward the expense of the National Christian Mission held last week. First Christian has contributed \$4.00 toward the same. If any person or organization wishes to share in this great Christian undertaking which has meant so much to Fort Wayne they may give their contribution to Rev. Burgess.

JUST MARRIED

Mr. Russel LeRoy Wilkin, 412 Greenwood, and Miss Mary Jane Kathryn Miller, Berne, at the manse on February 27.

Mr. LeMar Lehman, 1004 Burgess St., and Miss Ruth Miller, 1815 Wall St., were united in marriage at the Congregational Church on February 21.

Blessed are they who are perfect in the law, who walk in the law of the Lord.

THEN—AND NOW!!

We used to spend dollars and dollars for gasoline; now we spend pennies—and the difference goes to our church.

We used to grow stooped and fat and lazy at the wheel of our cars; now we keep straight and slim and ambitious as we walk to our church.

We used to lose our religion at the other fellow's driving; now we come composed and serene and ready for worship in the finest church anywhere.

We used to miss all the sights worth seeing along the way; now we see and enjoy our neighbors' flowers and God's out-of-doors along the road to church.

We used to use our car to take us to the mountains and beaches on Sunday; now we have just enough gas to take us to church, and for the first time we are learning what we missed before.

We used to let our neighbors get to church as best they could; now we are growing more considerate and we stop to share our car with them.

We used to say we didn't have time to read the church magazines, new books and our church school lessons; now it will be a happy experience to read the things we have always desired.

We used to long for more home life, with happy evenings about the fire; now that dream has come true, and home will take on a new meaning.

We used to go out of town on Sundays to find far away pleasures; now we realize what it means to find our life centered in our church.—From the El Monte, Calif. Church Bulletin.

Copied from Christian Evangelist.

At the annual meeting of protestant ministers of Indiana meeting in Indianapolis in January a state council of churches was organized. From the inspiration received at the National Christian Mission held last week the ministers of the city hope a local council of churches may be brought into existence. Several ministers and churches have expressed their desire for the organization of a local council of churches.

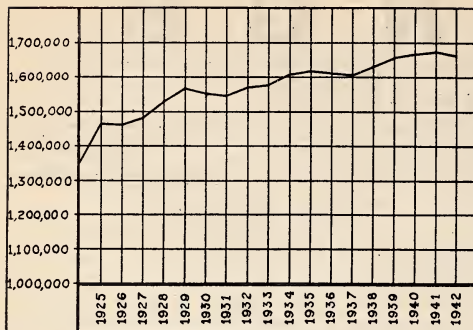
ELDERS SERVING SUNDAY

Robert Clipp

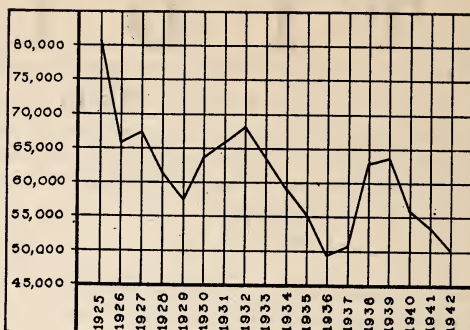
J. M. Fitch

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
that seek him with the whole heart.

Graph II. Shows annual reported membership of Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada from 1924 through 1942



Graph III. Shows annual reported additions by baptism of Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada from 1925 through 1942



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EVANGELISM

From figures reported in the Year Book, 1942, our communion shows a net increase in membership in the United States and Canada from 1925 to 1942 of 214,262—in 1925 the membership stood at 1,450,068 and in 1942 at 1,664,943. During the period of 18 years we showed losses in membership in 6 and gains in 12 of these years. On the graph on the left-hand side of the page the reported membership of Disciples reached an all-time high, in 1941 when it stood at 1,671,966 but in 1942 it had dropped to 1,664,943 a little above the membership of 1939. The right hand graph shows the additions by baptism during this period. The greatest number was in 1925—80,961, and the fewest in 1936—49,387. However the number in 1942 is 50,054 the lowest number with the exception of 1936. The average net increase has been 12,000, while average number of baptisms has been just under 61,000. Thus if we are to hold the approximate rate of increase of the past 25 years we must keep the average above 55,000.

(Adapted from article by Willard Wickizer in Christian Evangelist)

GASOLINE RATIONING IN INDIA

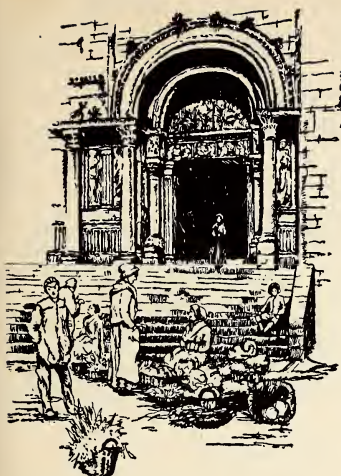
"The work of the Kingdom must go on by whatever methods of travel is available," states Franklin L. White in writing of the gasoline rationing of India. "At the present time we can obtain only four gallons per month. Most of the travelling will have to be done by ox-cart. These can be hired at a nominal cost. They are very slow and give one a bumpy ride, but they are safe and sure. We men will travel much by cycle but, of course the women and camp equipment will go by way of the carts. A horse would be a good means of travel but this would require considerable added expense for only a limited period of time. Yet we may be content with cycles and with the springless, two-wheeled ox-drawn cart like those used from time immemorial."

NATIONAL YOUTH PLANNING CONFERENCE

The first national youth planning conference of Disciples of Christ was held in Missions Building, January 15 to 17. This conference brought together young people from all parts of the United States and youth leaders of the brotherhood as a consultant group with the national directors to plan the total youth program of the Disciples of Christ for 1943. The Conference also had the purpose of considering a National Christian Youth Fellowship Council. This Council would be a delegate council with representatives from the various regional Christian Youth Fellowship Councils, the Negro National CYF Council, staff directors of youth activities as well as delegates from inter-denominational groups.

"Lift Christ Now" was adopted by the Conference as the theme for the Youth Fellowship Meets, for the conference programs and all other general youth activities of the year. A wartime program for youth in church and community received consideration of this group.

EUROPEAN PREACHING IN WAR TIME



The Department of the Geneva Office of the World Council of Churches has recently made a collection of sermons of wartime. The study of these sermons reveals three phases of preaching—from the outbreak of the war until December, 1939, there was an effort to discuss the questions raised by the war, to prepare congregations for the special dangers and to treat seriously the problem of the war; from December, 1939, to spring, 1940, there was less talk of war and more "timeless" preaching with special reference to the power and faith and consolidation of the Gospels; from the summer of 1940 preaching reveals the effort of the church to maintain itself against the threats to its existence.

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QUOTATIONS FROM SERMONS BY EUROPEAN PASTORS

The Obedient Church—"The Church Militant shall not sneak into an air raid shelter and acquiesce in the wishes of temporal powers. In kingly pride it shall preach the word of God and reject as blasphemy all the demands of earthly powers to interfere in the offering of praise in the temple of the Master."—Dr. Oorthuys of Holland.

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Freedom in the Church—"The only real, radical danger that threatens the church and the people of any land is that its administration and its congregations should entertain ideas about their way. Those who urge compromise will become more vociferous and more eager the graver the spiritual situation becomes. It might be a terrible temptation to the church to become a faithful servant of the more or less heathen rulers of the world. Against this temptation must those who believe in Christ declare anathema."—Pastor H. d'Espine, Geneva.

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Brotherhood in the Church—"One thing we can and must do. In the name of Jesus Christ our common Master we will kneel before him together and pray for the true, sincere, humble spirit of brotherhood. We can and we must create unitedly a common Christian Front for defense against all the mighty powers which rage about to tear Christian faith out of the hearts of men and to destroy Christian morals and Christian order among individuals and in the nations. Let us do this for Christ's sake out of our love for Him and honor for His name."—Archbishop Eidem of Upsala

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Christian Unity—"In so far as the Christian community lives with God and does not merely talk about it, it provides a world-spanning peaceful fellowship which in a world full of social, political and international enmities works for brotherhood and reconciliation. It is this function of spontaneously creating peace in the family, in society, and in the world of nations—an overflowing of its inner personal life with God—which constitutes the most important contribution of the church for reconstruction of international life."—Nils Ehrenstrom, of World Council

The Youth Fellowship Meets for the North-east Indiana area will be held at the Kendallville church on Sunday, March 14. The meets this year are being held on Sunday in order that more young people can attend. The minister will use his car to go to the meet if there are sufficient number to warrant the trip.

The theme of the Meets is: "Build Today for A Christian World."
We are Builders.

Isn't it strange that princes and kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common people like you and me
Are **Builders** for eternity?

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules;
And each must make, ere life is flown
A **stumbling block OR** a **stepping stone**.
We are Builders.

DORCAS CLUB

The Dorcas Club will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Bert Leversee, 902 Nuttman Ave., on Thursday, March 12, 1943 at 2:00 p. m.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. Nora Frysiinger, 414 East Taber St., is a medical patient at the Lutheran Hospital, room 166.

Don Crouse, our genial treasurer, returned to work but is ill again at home.

Little David and Lou Ann Bailey, 1815 East State St., have the mumps.

Sharon Crouse, 929 Edgewater Ave., is ill with tonsilitis She has just recovered from chicken-pox.

CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class will have a party in the social rooms, on Friday night,, March 12. Games, get-together, and a good time. All members are urged to attend, and bring your friends.

TIDING RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Cramer
Maxine Moss Spittler (2 years)
Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gaskills
Mr. and Mrs. Don Frost
Miss Emma Crabil
Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Morrical (2 years)
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller
Mrs. Mae Sheline
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey
Miss Leta Thrasher
Mrs. Louise Nichols
Mrs. E. M. Fitch (1½ years)
Mrs. O. S. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Weddle
Miss Mabel Green
Mrs. Lewis Rhodes

Many a church will begin to thrive when it eliminates gossip as an indoor sport.

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Total	\$136.45

VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

The U.S.O., the Red Cross, and the American Library Association are collecting **GOOD** books for service men. If you really have any good books you can spare bring them to church and they will be given to the above organizations for distribution to the men.

Letters from friends and good **books** are a great lift to the boys away from home. Bring in the books!

VICTORY TEA

The members of the Ruth Circle of the Woman's Council extend a cordial invitation to all ladies of the church to attend their Victory Silver Tea next Tuesday afternoon, March 9, in the church parlors. Mrs. Guy Abbott is most graciously arranging the program and has a real treat in store for us. We should like to share it with you. Please come.

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Russel Wilkin, 412 Greenwood, has reported for duty on March 3.

COMMUNION SETS

The Woman's Club has contributed one Communion Set to the chaplains who are serving with our armed forces. Some classes and several individuals have also made contributions toward a second Communion Set. Mr. Clipp, our church school superintendent, reports he has received about one-half the amount for another set.

A Communion Set costs \$57.50

The Disciples have over 200 chaplains serving with the armed forces.

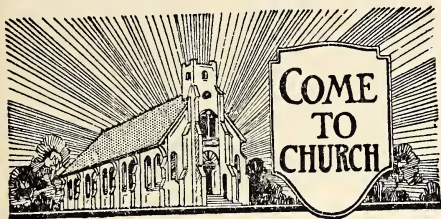
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SERMONS DURING LENTEN SEASON

MARCH 10-APRIL 25, 1943

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A. M.

"The Keys Of The Kingdom"

"I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom."
Jesus.

March 14—The Key of Faith

"Christ may make His home in your hearts
through your faith." Ephesians 3:17

"I live by faith in the son of God who loves
me and gave himself up for me." Galatians
2:30

March 21—The Key of Repentance

"Despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and
forbearance and long suffering, not knowing
the goodness of God leadeth to repentance?"
Romans 2:4

"Repent at once, or else." Rev. 2:16

March 28—The Key of Forgiveness

"Forgive us our debts as we forgive others."
Matt. 6:12

"If we confess our sins he is faithful and just
to forgive." I John 1:9

April 4—The Key of Hope

"The God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, that ye may abound in
hope." Rom. 15:13

"Christ is in you the hope of glory." Col 2:27

April 11—The Key of Love

"The aim of the Christian discipline is the
love that springs from a pure heart, from a
pure heart, from a good conscience, from a
sincere faith." I Tim. 1:5

"We know love, because he laid down his life
for us." I John 3:16

April 18—The Key of Sacrifice

"If any man will come after me let him deny
himself." Mt. 16:24

"I am ready to go both unto prison and to die."
Luke 22:33

April 25—The Key to Victory Over Death

"Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:57

WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!

Wanted, 2,000 Christian workers, men, women, young men, maidens—to take a religious census of Ft. Wayne. Each church participating is asked to furnish workers to the number of 8 per cent of its membership, which means that First Christian should supply 56 workers.

Many persons say they cannot do this, and they cannot do that. Here is a task which every Christian can perform. Will you volunteer?

All ages may enlist, from sophomores in high school on up.

There are 10,000 to 15,000 persons living in Fort Wayne who are lost to the Kingdom of God. We want you to help find them. The religious census is to find where they are living.

The Census Committee has enlisted the help of all creeds and faiths, Catholic, Protestant and Jews. 11 centers have been set up for the taking of the census. You can find work in your own locality. So enlist.

Call your minister and be a volunteer.

The Census will be taken Sunday, March 21, and the two days following. **March 21-23.**

PRAYER BOOKLETS

The Fellowship of Prayer booklets prepared by the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches may be obtained at church next Sunday. The Fellowship of Prayer is now in its 25th year. Meditations, prayers, and scriptures are arranged for each day of the Easter season, beginning March 10, and ending Easter Sunday, April 25.

They may be found in the rear of the sanctuary near each narthex. Several copies were taken last Sunday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Woman's World Day of Prayer will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 12, at the Wayne Street Methodist church. 1,000 women are expected to attend. 25 is the goal set for First Christian.

The meeting will be from 1:45 to 3:00 o'clock. (Note Time.)

The Youth World Day of Prayer will be held at the First Baptist church next Sunday afternoon. The youth meet is sponsored by the Council of Church Women. The time is 2:30 p. m. next Sunday.

PREACHING IN PARAGUAY

A few months ago Mr. Malcolm Norment, missionary to Paraguay, opened a preaching point not far from the city. This small congregation, meeting in a home to sing hymns, pray and study by candlelight, is near a large military village to which hundreds of workers are coming to work. It is the hope of Mr. Norment that Disciples of Christ may purchase a lot in this neighborhood large enough for a small school, a church and playground for the children and room for a social center, especially a baby clinic.

Mr. Norment is also continuing the work among the lepers in a growing congregation. Four new rustic buildings have been dedicated one of which is a carpenter shop. This is the beginning of an extensive building program in this colony. A new tailor shop is under construction with three new Singer sewing machines so that the clothing of the colony may be made by members of the group. They are planning to set up a brickyard to provide better housing and also are asking the government for a new hospital. Another encouraging feature of this work is that land for the Prevention Home for the Children of Lepers has been bought near Asuncion.

SIX A. M. IN THE BOLENGE SCHOOLS

(From the Congo Newsletter)

In the brick compound of the Women's School, mothers, tiny babies, little and big girls, are gathering for the opening service of their school. They separate into classes of 5 or 6 each. Their supervisor calls the roll, Jema and Mintala are absent; so off he goes to the village to see if they are ill or have slipped off to their gardens. Keeping the Congo women in school at the present time is difficult. They are proud however at the close of the term to have seven of their number pass the entrance exams to the advanced degree school. Next year these seven will be the only women in a school of 160 pupils.

In the next building is the 3rd grade. It is made up largely of boys, 12 to 14 years of age. There are four classes of 8 or 10 pupils. Promptly as the clock strikes six, the boys march in and their morning hymn is sung happily and lustily.

The primary boys of 1st and 2nd years are meeting in the other wing of the building. There is the usual amount of hunting for lost stubs of slate pencils. In this school there are ten classes of 7 or 8 pupils. They march in singing, "Father We Thank Thee" and trying to make more noise than the third grade.

The newest school is assembling in another building for work comparable to the 7th grade work. There are here 12 pupils with six class periods of 40 minutes each. Still farther down the line the boarding school boys are lined up for

roll call and their morning hymn and prayer. They will soon be on their way to the gardens to work until nine-thirty.

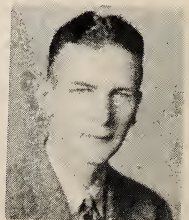
MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. H. B. Marx, Executive Secretary of Missionary Organizations reports that in 1942 there were 4,247 missionary organizations with a total membership of 153,526. These organizations have given to foreign and home missions and Christian education an offering amounting to \$424,966.00 during the year. Church Schools of missions were recognized as an effective means of missionary education for the entire church. There were 137 of such schools held during the year. Days of special missionary emphasis were widely observed — 1,986 organizations reported observance of Woman's Day; 1,558 observed Easter Week of Prayer, 1,621 reported participation in the interdenominational observance of World Day of Prayer.

Miss Margaret Weisbrod has recently been appointed as Program Supervisor for Camp Community Churches with the Committee on War Services of the United Christian Missionary Society. Miss Weisbrod has been associated with the program of the Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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Mr. Howard Dungan, appointed as Field Supervisor of Industrial Defense Communities with the Committee on War Services. Mr. Dungan comes into this position through his association with the Christian Churches of the Little Rock area.



GOING TO CHURCH IN COQUILHATVILLE

It is Sunday morning in Coquilhatville. Church goers must rise early this morning, even in the darkness, in order to be in Bible School at six o'clock and to church at seven. The sun rises at six o'clock on the equator and many must leave home long before that. Dressing in the dark is not difficult for there are few clothes to don and fewer to choose from. Then there is the light from the night fire, inside of the house, which blazes up with the addition of a few twigs. The mother awakens the baby and ties him in a cloth sling on her back ready to go. Sometimes he breakfasts on the way and then continues his nap. The father picks up his song book and Bible, and off they go. As they pass along through the intricate network of streets of the native city to the main road, they call out to this one and that to get up and come to church.

Sunday morning services are held in the church on the Mission compound which is located in the European center a considerable distance from the native city. On this day there are three special songs. Each is sung by a different group and in all four parts. Today the pastor preaches on the subject "The Church of Jesus Christ Is Everlasting." It is completely satisfying to the congregation who express their approval at the close by murmuring assent. Two men of different tribes preside at the Lord's Table. In silence the congregation partake of the emblems and sit with bowed heads. Their differences forgotten and with newly made resolves they feel at peace with the world.

After the service, they greet friends, meet strangers, introduce their wives, chat about the work and ask advice. In a short while they are all gone—back to the city with its many temptations, some to work, others to rest, but all feeling the safety of the shelter they found in the church.

Lucretia O. Rowe.



The regular meeting of the Woman's Council will be held next Tuesday, March 16, in the social rooms.

Business meeting at 1:00 o'clock, with program following.

Program deals with our South American republic, Chile.

Hostess, Esther Circle

Devotions, Naomi Circle

Historical, Mrs. J. C. Koegel

Religious, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist

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Missions	1.65
Building Fund30
Loose Offering	11.18
First Christian Tidings	1.50
Heating	1.00
Christian Youth Fellowship .....	.96
Total	\$56.64

ON OUR SICK LIST

Chester Follis, 1421 Cherokee Rd., is confined to his home because of sprained ligaments in the ankle. He will probably be incapacitated for some time.

Walter Whitacre, Jr., 1106 East Rudisill, is recovering from injuries received in a fall while attending the sectional basketball tournament.

Mrs. Emma Bushong has been ill at home for several weeks. She is some better at present.

W. G. Harrod has returned to his home, but will be confined to the home for some time.

A VICTORY GARDEN

The Victory Garden Committee will show a motion picture of "The Home Garden" at the Chamber of Commerce next Monday night, March 15, at 7:30 p. m. The picture will show the starting of seeds in flats and vegetables in hot beds with a garden clinic following.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Emma Bushong, 518 Archer St.

TIDING RENEWALS

Mrs. Mabel Ayers (3 years)

ELDERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Owen Vaughn

H. G. Hiler

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

The Official Board will meet next Sunday, immediately following the morning worship. The meeting is held on Sundays because of rationing. All elders, deacons, deaconesses, and other officers should attend.

YOUTH MEET

The youth of the Christian churches of northeast Indiana will hold their winter Fellowship Meet at the First Christian church in Kendallville next Sunday afternoon, from 2:00 to 8:30 p. m. Each delegate is requested to bring own sandwiches and dessert for fellowship supper at 5:30 p. m.

GRATITUDE

Mrs. George Meyers of Grover Hill, Ohio, wishes to thank her many friends for the deluge of cards and letters during her serious illness. She says "It makes suffering a little easier." She is much improved but unable to be up most of the time.

TO ENTER SERVICE

Miss Virginia Lotz, 813 West Fourth St., sister of our Miss Ruth, has been accepted as a WAAC and is awaiting call to service.

NEARING THE GOAL

The latest report from Unified Promotion is that \$895,000 has been pledged toward the Emergency Million Crusade for Life and Work, and that \$640,000 of the same has been paid in cash. The crusade ends June 30.

JUST ARRIVED

Gordon Wayne Meyers made his appearance at the Lutheran Hospital Tuesday morning, March 9, room 456. He will live with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Meyers, 4401 Gay St.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

Tomorrow night, Friday, March 12, the Progressive Class will hold a party in the social rooms. An evening of interesting entertainment has been arranged. Every member urged to attend and bring a friend.

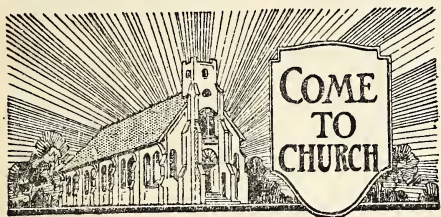
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MARCH 10-APRIL 25, 1943

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A. M.

"The Keys Of The Kingdom"

"I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom."
Jesus.

March 21—The Key of Repentance

"Despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering, not knowing the goodness of God leadeth to repentance?"
Romans 2:4

"Repent at once, or else." Rev. 2:16

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"Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57

MORE MANPOWER NEEDED FOR VICTORY

The United States Government is appealing to women to register for war jobs to replace men who have been called to the service.

Voluntary registrations may be made on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24 at the following places: North Side and South Side High Schools, the Adams and Justin Study grade school, and at the Employment Service office, 121 W. Washington St. Interviewing hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24. For further information call A-4462.

The Church of Jesus Christ is appealing to both men and women to register for service in the Kingdom of God. You may register your influence every Sunday morning from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the church sanctuary, Jefferson at Fairfield Aves. The number needed is not limited.

Of what value will it be to save the country and lose the church.

Register for your country as requested above, and register for your church also. Render unto Caesar what is his, and unto God what is His.

Be patriotic and save both—one is worthless without the other. We cannot keep either unless we keep both. It is not "either or," but "both and."—Both state and church.

Be Patriotic; register—(serve)

Be Christian; attend—(serve)

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

A FORTNIGHT LEFT

There are only two more Sundays in the first quarter of 1943. Only two more Sundays to pay your pledge for the first quarter.

An honor roll will be published in April of all who have their pledges paid in full on the last Sunday in March. Be an Honor Roll member!

OUR MINISTER ABROAD

Our minister abroad, Rev. Paul Kepple, and family have been in the States for several months. Rev. Kepple has been in the States working in the interest of the Emergency Million crusade. Unified Promotion informs us he and family will be able to make a visit to our church sometime in July. We shall anticipate with keen interest their coming.

INTRODUCING MISS MARY MONDY—

who will be responsible for the planning and creation of all missionary materials for the adult missionary societies of Disciples of Christ: Miss Mondy formerly taught in the High Schools of Dallas, Texas. She fills the position of National Director of Missionary Education, a post formerly left vacant by Miss Edith Eberle who is now director of the Sales Literature Department.



BROTHERHOOD DINNER WITHOUT A DINNER

In Aguascalientes, Mexico, the Brotherhood Dinner was observed without a dinner! The committee set the table with empty plates. Vases of pink flowers and a row of violets and violet leaves were artistically arranged in the center of the long table. For the dinner they had "spiritual food" and considered the needs of the brethren in other mission lands who are dying of hunger.

Short news items from other countries were given. The pastor gave a talk on Christian love based on I John 3:7 and an offering of 24 pesos was taken for China. Letters of greeting are being sent to all the churches in our mission in Mexico and to some other countries. There were between seventy and eighty people present.

"THE CHRISTIAN FARMER"

The Christian Farmer, a religious journal published for the rural areas of China, had thousands of readers before the war broke out. It lost everything in the great migration to Free China. Now in Free China once again the subscription list has been built up to 37,000 in spite of the fact that the high cost of ink and paper have doubled the subscription price. So it was threatened with bankruptcy had not the committee on East Asia of the Foreign Missions Council underwritten it for the amount of \$9,000.00.

Twelve per cent of the readers of the "Christian Farmer" say they become Christians through its influence alone. Another 10% report that they are looking forward to becoming Christians because of this fine paper.

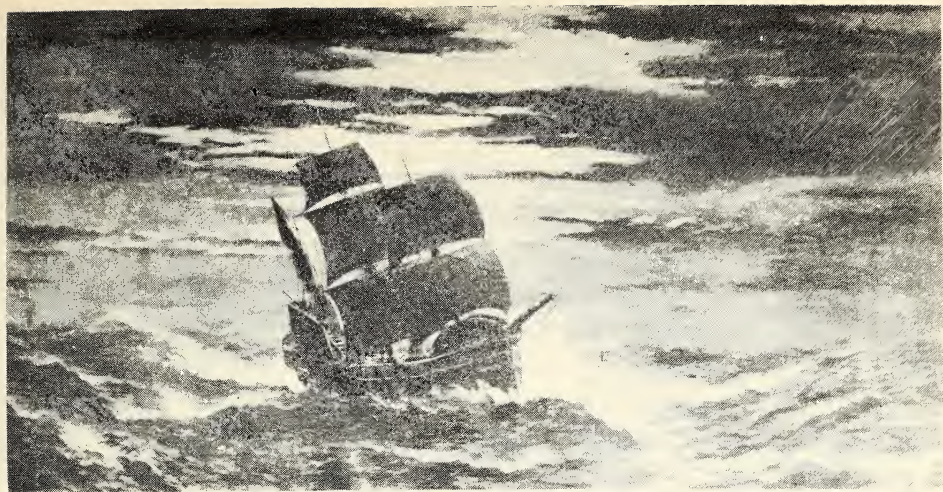
FAMINE COMES TO THE GROWING CHURCH IN INDIA

Don McGAVRON

"There were four successive crop failures in most of our villages, and while some of them have good crops this year, fully a quarter have practically nothing. We have not had three such years in a century. As a result, we have had to spend some money in aid. I can't see them just die or watch a landed peasantry become a landless peasantry. That is bad economy for the future of the church.

"The special famine relief money has proved a veritable godsend. People have been given work through it, others have received medicine when the entire family was down with malaria, young people have been pulled out of the grave, widows watching their children starve have been given work and food until harvest time, men sick and weak have been restored to health and earning power.

"The help we give Christians is doubtless a factor in the present ingathering, but people are not becoming Christians for the aid they get out of it. They are becoming Christians because they realize that the Christian faith is true and by faith and conviction they come 'through fire.'"



To Strive — To Seek — To Find

'Tis not too late to seek a newer world,
 Push off, and sitting well in order, smite
 The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
 To sail beyond the sunset, and the paths
 Of all the western stars, until I die.
 It may be that the gulfs will wash us down
 It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
 And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.
 Though much is taken, much abides; and though
 We are not now that strength which in old days,
 Moved earth and heaven; that we are, we are;
 One equal temper of heroic hearts,
 Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
 To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

Tennyson

* * * *

"Not of the sunlight—not of the moonlight—
 Not of the starlight!

O young Mariner, down to the haven
 Call your companions, launch your vessel
 And crowd your canvas, and ere it vanishes,
 Over the margin after it, follow it;
 Follow the gleam. Follow the gleam.

Unknown

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To give one's life away to what one knows to be of the highest worth, not only for oneself, but for all mankind, is the most mature experience open to man. It can help him face death and tragedy undismayed. It possesses the secret of life everlasting.—
 Gregory Vlastos

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Missions	13.20
Loose	15.02
First Christian Tidings50
Building Fund	13.10
Emergency Thousand	2.00
Coal	6.00
Christian Youth Fellowship	1.70
Total	\$154.17

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1943

RECEIPTS

Cash balance February 1	\$216.19
Morning church envelopes	344.64
Missions	38.27
Loose	31.04
Christian Youth Fellowship	2.15
Christmas	1.00
First Christian Tidings	1.50
Coal	10.00
Emergency Thousand	20.00
Total	\$664.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$334.00
Office and Church Supplies	54.79
First Christian Tidings	38.16
Utilities	14.82
Unified Promotion	38.27
Pension Fund	20.00
Gas Allowance for Jan. and Feb.	10.00
Total	\$510.04

Balance on Hand March 1, 1943\$154.75

Unpaid Bills:

Pension Fund for February	\$ 20.00
Coal	176.00

RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Frost, 316 W. Master-
son.

ABOUT OUR SERVICE MEN

Pvt. Kenneth Ford, Jr., has suffered an at-
tack of spinal meningitis. He is now out of
the danger stage, but still very ill. His par-
ents have just returned from his bed-side.
His address is Btry C, 204th CABN (ca), 1st
Platoon, Camp Edwards, Mass.

Billy Howard has just reported for duty at
Camp Perry. He is in the army.

It is reported Philip R. Horn was at Casa-
blanc; his address is in care Navy 214 Fleet
Post Office, New York City, N. Y.

Homer Clendennon has been promoted to
the rank of 2nd Lieut. He is in the hospital
with a case of scarlet fever at Fort Leonard
Wood, Mo.

Walter Clendennon has been promoted to
a staff sergeant. He also has been in the
hospital, but is now out. He is at Camp Liv-
ingston, La.

John Richard Clendennon has just entered
the service as a Marine. He is at San Diego,
Cal.

Maurice Tracey has this week enlisted in
the Navy. He is at Great Lakes.

First Christian now has two families with
three sons each in the Services—The Tracey's
and The Clendennon's.

ON OUR SICK LIST

James H. Dunn, 1116 East Creighton, is
quite ill at home. He has been suffering for
several years with arthritis, and is now bed-
fast.

George Frost, 316 W. Masterson, is ill at
home with heart trouble and anemia. He is
unable to see visitors.

COMMUNION SETS

First Christian has presented two Com-
munion Sets for use of Chaplains in the ser-
vice. One was the gift of the Woman's Council
and the other of the Church School. The sets
cost \$57.50 apiece.

DR. BERT WILSON DIES

Dr. Bert Wilson, for 14 years a field repre-
sentative of the Pension Fund, died in Wash-
ington, D. C., last Sunday. His passing is a
distinct loss to our Brotherhood. He was well
known to and beloved by all Disciple min-
isters.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mr. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College, whose
brother passed away in Chicago last Satur-
day.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The beautiful altar memorial flowers last
Sunday were in memory of Brother John Sut-
ton who passed away on March 17, 1942.
They were presented by his wife.

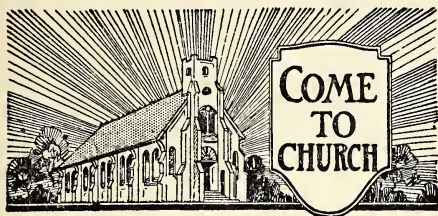
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CENSUS TAKEN

The Religious Census of Fort Wayne taken last Sunday and the first two days of the week was one of the finest cooperative religious endeavors ever undertaken in Fort Wayne. Catholics, Missiouri and Ohio Synod Lutherans, and other Protestants united beautifully in the great Christian endeavor. The fine spirit of unity manifested was akin to that we are today witnessing in the religious groups serving with the armed forces. The census was a gigantic drive to locate the unchurch people of the city. Practically every house in the city was visited during the campaign.

Reverend Burgess wishes to thank the canvassers from First Christian who assisted in the census. Twenty-nine members of First Christian answered the roll call and went out, and others volunteered but were prevented from serving because of Defense work.

What a **Victory For The Lord** it would be if the great host of Christians who have **moved** to our city could be **moved** to enlist in the work of the Kingdom! That is the work now before us. An unchurched Christian is a loss of manpower for the Lord. The country is needing more manpower for victory, so is the church. If **all Christians**, the world around, had registered their influence for Christ the gory debacle we are now experiencing would never have occurred. The cooperative efforts only of **all Christians** will bring Victory and prevent a repetition of the debacle in the future. Luke-warm, half-hearted Christians cannot save the world. Inactive Christians are a misnomer. A real Christian cannot be inactive.

Let us get busy!!!!

VICTORY BOOKS

It is reported that between twelve and fifteen thousand books have been collected for men in the services during the Victory Book Campaign. The books are in the city library awaiting shipment. It is not too late yet to send the boys a book if you have a good one you wish to contribute. Take them to the city library or call A-4491.

HEARTHSTONES

The devotional quarterly, "The Hearthstone," for April, May and June, may be obtained at church next Sunday. The Hearthstone is the new home magazine of the Disciples. Fifty families of First Christian are reading daily The Hearthstone. Over 50,000 Disciple homes use Hearthstone.

"The soul of man is made for reverence as the harp is made for music, as the flower is made for fragrance." But true reverence is revealed in one's attitude toward his fellows even more clearly than is his attitude toward God. No man can be right in his relation to God who is wrong in his attitude towards his fellows: just as he cannot be right in his attitude towards his fellows when he is wrong in his relation to God."



A PRAYER FOR THE LAND

With the coming of spring, those who love the land turn to it once again, to place in its richness those seeds that mean life for mankind. It is appropriate to think of this prayer for the land which has come to us from the Oxford Conference of a few years ago—"We beseech Thee, gracious Lord, to remember the servants in all country places who labor to cultivate and make fertile the land. Give them at all times a patient and reverent devotion to their high calling. Strengthen them with hope to meet all the hazards, trials and frustrations of war and weather. Bless their labors with fruitfulness.

"May we labor to cultivate the earth with hope and humility, with enterprise and energy, without grudging and without greed. Make us good neighbours to one another, and others, remembering that by thy hand we and all the earth were created."

THE ILLINOIS RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE

The Department of Social Welfare and Rural Work in cooperation with the Illinois Christian Missionary Society provided 18 scholarships for rural pastors to attend the Rural Pastor's short course at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, in February. This is a part of the program of the Department of Social Welfare and Rural Work to improve the leadership of the rural churches of the brotherhood. Such courses are offered by institutions such as Merom Institute, Cornell, State agricultural colleges and universities.

WHAT GOES ON AT MEXICAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE?

The Mexican Christian Institute is a busy place these days with 140 or more persons daily in the kindergarten, club, clinic or library. This in spite of the fact that many of the boys and girls have gone into the armed forces or industry. Families are constantly shifting about which makes more necessary the friendly atmosphere of the institute. There is also added difficulty in the clinic which is more and more in demand and for which the services of a physician are harder to obtain. This is a service rendered by physicians without remuneration. With the increase in working mothers, the nursery school for young children has an urgent demand upon the staff, which cannot take it on since they are already overloaded.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND CHRISTIAN WINDOW STICKERS

Fifteen thousand Christian window stickers have been released by the Department of Religious Education to the ministers and Sunday School superintendents of America for distribution in homes of the churches of the brotherhood. One side has an attractive picture of the church and the United Christian Education Advance symbol, while the other side carries the various points in which the home may cooperate with the advance.

These points are: Having grace or blessing at mealtime. Regular Bible Reading and Prayer. Having a 'Quiet place' as an altar for individual use. Subscribing for and using a church paper. Subscribing for and using a periodical on family life. Planning together in 'family council.' All sharing in homework and play. Regular attendance at Sunday School and church. Support of Christian work at home and abroad. Enlisting and helping other families in similar activities.



What Killed Jesus?

Who killed Jesus?

Cruel soldiers, careless crowds, proud Romans, resentful priests, false friends—these people, we say, killed Jesus. And because we are different from them, we feel conscience-free and blameless.

But what killed Jesus?

*The ugly might of violence used to stamp out uncomfortable ideas!
the oblivious indifference of people who had no time or thought for human anguish;
the scornful resentment of vested power that could permit no defiance of its orders;
the grim glacial unwillingness of pious minds to change under the impact of fresh truth;
the superficial hypocrisy of treacherous cowards which wilted under attack.*



These things are all around us.

They are within us.

The shadow of the cross is still in our lives.

We know, with a shudder of horror, that "we do crucify Him afresh."

There are two ways to atone for His Death. Kill within our own hearts the terrible things that killed Jesus;

Build a world in which such life as His need not be snuffed out by blind forces.

Bernard C. Clausen

WILL YOUR NAME BE WRITTEN THERE

The Tidings will carry next week a list of all the members and friends who have their church dues paid up to the end of the quarter. Next Sunday is the end of the first quarter of the year. If you cannot be at church next Sunday send in your envelopes so your name can be on the honor roll. Be an honor roll member!

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Easter50
Emergency Thousand	1.00
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Real Christianity and the civilization we
want belong together. Fosdick.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss Mabel Green, 2427 Fairfield.
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Byers, 2928 Plaza Drive.
Mrs. Jessie Cook, 2906 Hoagland.
Mr. and Mrs. Romane Cole, 3115 So. Wayne.

Did you fuss because you did not have
enough coffee?

Our Chinese Christians and Missionaries in
West China report the following prices in
American dollars for foodstuffs:

Locally milled flour, 49-lb. bag.	\$14.85
Irish potatoes, per bushel	4.50
Sugar, per pound .....	.49
Milk, per quart .....	.32
Coal, per ton	54.42

The church is properly a place of privilege and blessing. One should attend public worship from a sense of duty until he learns to attend it with joyous anticipation. The church offers an opportunity for the worship of God. In song and scripture and prayer and sermon one may become aware of God. He meets with those who truly worship. Worship ministers to strength of character and inner poise. It is life's highest joy and most rewarding experience. Any person who wants to live life at its best should go to church.—Clipped.

Get thy tools ready; God will find thee
work.—Browning.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mr. Frank Frame, R. No. 6, underwent an operation at the St. Joseph hospital about a week ago. He is improving nicely. He is in room 426.

Mr. George Krall, 1815 Pemberton Dr., underwent an operation at the Lutheran hospital this week, but is expected to return to his home today.

Miss Emma Dorris is at the Convalescent Home, 1714 Spy Run Ave.

Mr. Joseph B. Fitch, who has been a student at Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., is ill at the home of his parents, 128 East State street. Joe was to have graduated this week from Transylvania, and next week enter the College of the Bible to study for the ministry. He hopes to be able to return to his studies in a few days.

Mrs. Bert Leversee, 902 Nuttman, while up and around has not been able to attend church for several Sundays.

WITH OUR SERVICE MEN

Pvt. Jack Binkley is stationed at Camp Vandorn, Miss.

VISITORS MARCH 21, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crabill, Monroeville.
Miss Georgia Crabill, Monroeville.
Mrs. Fern Teeple, 334 Greenwood Ave., city.
Mrs. George N. Love, Connersville.
B. L. Renner, Angola.
O. C. Lehman, Payne, Ohio.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. Wm. Yagerlehner and family, 2217 John St., in the passing of Brother Yagerlehner on March 19. Brother Yagerlehner was formerly a deacon of First Christian.

The Emergency Million crusade has now reached \$910,000.00.

BLESSINGS OF THE SANCTUARY

Something to think about. The church school enrollment for the Christian churches of Indiana showed 1,429 less pupils on the church school records last year than the year before. What will it be this year with thousands of our pupils away in service. It behooves us who are at home not to let the boys down who are away.

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A. M.

"The Keys Of The Kingdom"

"I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom."
Jesus.

April 4—The Key of Hope

"The God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, that ye may abound in
hope." Rom. 15:13

"Christ is in you the hope of glory." Col 2:27

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee will meet Tuesday night
in Social Rooms, L. S. Sentman, Chairman.

WITH OUR SERVICE MEN

Two more of First Christian's young men
have answered the call to Service. Thomas
Hirshey is at Great Lakes. Kenneth Schell
reported for duty yesterday at Camp Perry.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mr. Hugh Tracey, 4131 Warsaw, suffered an
accident while at work on the railroad and
was in the hospital for eight days. He expects
to return to work in another week or two.

Mrs. Leo Miller, 2210 Ardmore, has been ill
with tonsillitis and quinsy for about a week.
She is now somewhat improved.

Mr. Elix Gagnon, 1109 W. Wayne, our cus-
tomian, is ill at home this week with flu.

JUST ARRIVED

Friends in Fort Wayne have received word
of the arrival on March 30th, of William Ed-
ward, seven pounds, eight and one-half
ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Decker at
Defiance, Ohio.

JUST MARRIED

Miss Betty Kollman, 4538 Lafayette Esp., to
Sergeant Ralph O'Dell. The wedding was at
the army air-base chapel, Lake Charles, La.,
on March 23.

TIDING RENEWALS

Mrs. Flora Virts.
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Crouse
Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks P. Love (3-yrs.)

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy indeed to add to the roster
of our church family the names of Mr. and
Mrs. Richard Miller, Windsor Apt., 521 West
Berry Street, who came to us from Elkhart.
They have only resided in our city a few
weeks, but have already won their way into
our hearts by their active participation in the
work of the church. Their talents and con-
secration are a great asset to the choir.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

April 11-18 will be Evangelist Crusade
week. During that week workers from many
protestant churches will go out two-by-two to
win others to Christ and His church.

The Plymouth Congregational church will
be headquarters for the workers of First
Christian.

Volunteers for Service are needed. The
fields are white—the reapers few. More than
500 persons or families have given the Chris-
tian church as their preference, but, are not
members of any church in Fort Wayne. What
a field!!!

MORE FOR MISSIONS

Three quarters of the Missionary year ended
March 31. There is only one more Quarter
till June 30.

As of March 31, the morning church offer-
ings for Missions are \$68.08 less than the
same period of the previous year.

For the first 9 months of **last year** the gifts
to Missions were\$374.20

For the first 9 months of **this year** the
gifts to Missions were 306.12

Decrease of\$ 68.08

WORKERS MEETING

All workers from First Christian, who will
participate in the Easter Evangelist Crusade,
will meet at the Plymouth Congregational
church on Friday night, April 9.

This will be a set-up meeting to launch the
crusade conducted the week of April 11-18.

Dr. B. Brooks Shake will preside.

DORCAS CLUB

The Dorcas Club will meet at the Manse
next Thursday, April 8.

"HE DOESN'T MEAN ME!"

A share cropper boy in the Christian Endeavor meeting at Southern Christian Institute told this story of learning the meaning of stewardship. Like others of his group he scarcely ever saw any cash but one day we helped repair a car for a man passing through the town. The man gave him two nickels, which was more money than he had seen for a long time. The spending of it was very important. One nickel went for paper for his English class notebook but the other one was to go for something special. On Sunday morning John Long preached a sermon on home missions emphasizing the work done for the underprivileged folk of United States.

The young man said, "I thought about what Mr. Long said and decided he did not mean me for there are 1,700,000 Disciples of Christ and I have only one nickel. Then I began to think suppose everybody should say, 'That does not mean me.' What would happen to the underprivileged people? I thought about it and the more I thought I knew it DID mean me and the next Sunday when the plate was passed for the Easter offering I put in my nickel."

"I WANT TO HELP BUILD"

The Puerto Rican though poor does love his church as is illustrated by this story concerning the erection of the Ciales Church. With a population of almost 600 to a square mile and the land practically deforested, the problem of fuel for cooking among the poorer people is critical. While the Ciales church was under construction a ragged but bright-faced little boy asked the missionary if he might take home to his mother some of the chips and splinters which were lying around. He received permission to do so. The next day he was back again, but this time not to ask for something. Jamming his little hand into the pocket of his tattered pants he produced a penny which he handed to the missionary. "This is for the new church. I want to help build it" he proudly announced.

A RECEPTION FOR MARY KELLY

Recently the Christian Churches of Jacksonville, Florida, honored Miss Mary Kelly, pioneer missionary to China, who is now living at the Florida Christian Home. An offering was taken for China Relief to be given in Miss Kelly's name and in any way she designated. She asked that the money be sent to Lewis Smythe in Chengtu either for use in one of the stations in Eastern China or for some of our refugees in West China who may be hungry. The treasurer of the missionary union of Jacksonville writes that it is indeed a blessing to have Miss Kelly in their community.



UNITED WORK IN MEXICO

In Mexico as in other countries our brotherhood cooperates in interdenominational work. The Evangelical Seminary in Mexico for the training of national pastors has on its faculty a member of our mission. In addition to this we also share in the current expense of the seminary.

Our mission shares in the Union Book Store and in the production of Christian literature. This is an effective work which has increasing opportunities of service. The printed word reaches distant places where a preacher could not go.

An interdenominational program of religious education is carried on under the National Council of Evangelical Churches which is not only effective within Mexico but is contributing to the evangelical movement throughout Latin America.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER FINDS IT WORTHWHILE

This testimony is from a mother who decided to begin to make her life count in the church, "After years of playing around at 'church work,' I decided to make the teaching of religion my avocation and to become an 'expert'. I decided to have a career outside my home, one that would enrich my personal life and my home life and improve my ability to guide my own children. So I began to make teaching in the church school a serious business, to read and to attend classes and summer laboratory schools. I found the new religious educational materials inexhaustible. I found myself in the most stimulating company, both old and young, I began to grow as never before. The five years have been the richest of my life."

(International Journal of Rel. Ed.)

DYNAMIC OF THE CROSS

It has been the Cross that has revealed to good men that their goodness has not been good enough. In its presence man dares not speculate about the degree of his goodness. Rather he is at once cast down by his sin and overwhelmed by the joyous insight that God is kinsman of his way. With Him alone he can produce a quality of living which will refashion the shambles of this world. He will in this companionship learn a daring goodness, strong enough to pick up the world, stand it on its feet, and shake the greed out of its pockets, brush off the grime of its hate and wash away the sullenness of its fear, so that it may become a fit dwelling place for the Kingdom of God.

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*Under an Eastern sky,
Amid a rabble cry,
A man went forth to die,
For me!*

*Thorn-crowned his blessed head,
Blood-stained his every tread,
Cross-laden on he sped
For me!*

*Thus wert thou made all mine,
Lord, make me wholly thine,
Give grace and strength divine,
To me!*

*In thought and word and deed,
Thy will to do, oh! lead my feet
E'en though they bleed,
To thee.*

Author unknown.



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Emergency Thousand	1.00
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MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Women's Council

Tuesday, Ruth group with Mrs. Mae Sheline, 654 Archer. Cookies will be packed to send to the boys in Service.

Tuesday, Rachel group with Mrs. J. H. Whitby, 4636 South Lafayette.

Wednesday, Naomi group with Mrs. Herschel Bailey, 1815 East State St.

Wednesday, Esther group at the church.

FRIENDLY CLASS

Friendly Class will meet Friday night, April 2, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Siples, 717 Lawton Place, Mrs. Martin Wagner and Mrs. Fred Higgins, assistant Hostesses. Harry Imbody, Joe Ostrander and Jesse Dehl will have charge of the entertainment.

Mrs. Joseph Siples, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Somers, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Miss Rose Steiman, Mrs. J. M. Sutton, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sefton, Miss Hazel Swinehart, Miss Ollie Swinehart, Miss Violet Tippis, Miss Leta Thrasher, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mrs. Merle Teeters, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Van Alstine, Mrs. F. S. Van Alstine, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. David Vesey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varner, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitbey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitten, Mrs. Homer Stevenson, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Mr. and Mrs. George Weddle, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. Carl Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young.

STEWARDSHIP HONOR ROLL

Here are the names of those who are contributing regularly to First Christian and have kept their pledges up to date for the First Quarter of 1943. A few are one Sunday behind. Some have no pledge but are paying regularly. If any names have been omitted will the persons please call the church office. Effort has been taken to make the list correct, but errors sometimes occur.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barbier, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. John Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Broxon, Mrs. Estella Binkley, Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blair, Miss Harriet Burgess, Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowker, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Burk, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mrs. Anna Carmer, Mrs. Charles Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendennon, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Coar, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Cramer, Mr. C. Edward Cremer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Don Crouse, James Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cruse, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Guy Drewett, Mrs. Henry Ehle, Mrs. C. F. Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frame, Wanda Jean Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mrs. Emma Fitch, Mrs. Lillian Gagnon, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gaskill, Miss Flora Gilmore, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Halleck, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haffner, Richard Haffner, James Haffner, Miss Mabel Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Herron, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hiler, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Miss Elsie Keith, Mrs. C. F. Kollman, Charles Kollman, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kuckuck, Mrs. John Lahmeyer, Mrs. Louise Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Lehneke, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lerversee, Miss Kathryn Lerversee, Miss Ruth Lotz, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Love, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan, Mr. J. J. McCarel, Mr. and Mrs. Newton McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Meyers, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Miss Lulu Michaels, Miss Lulu McGuire, Mrs. J. L. Michaels, Mrs. O. S. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moser, Mrs. Nellie Newland, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Mrs. Louise Nichols, Mrs. J. L. Nowells, Mrs. Margaret Owen, Miss Ernie Owen, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. Amanda Parks, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reithmiller, Mrs. Jennie Rich, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Robinett, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mrs. A. C. Ruby, Mrs. E. B. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Schell, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Schell, Miss Gail Scott, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, Miss Lorea Sheline, Mrs. Mae Sheline, Miss Alice Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Simon, Mr. and

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"The Keys Of The Kingdom"

"I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom."
Jesus.

April 11—The Key of Love

"The aim of the Christian discipline is the love that springs from a pure heart, from a pure heart, from a good conscience, from a sincere faith." I Tim. 1:5

"We know love, because he laid down his life for us." I John 3:16

OFFERING GIFTS AT WAYSIDE ALTARS

Your minister receives several church papers weekly in exchange for the Tidings. The following was clipped This Week from a church paper of one of our largest and finest churches. It bespeaks the condition that is far too prevalent in far too many churches today across the land, of which our own First Christian is one. The absence of many loyal faces in the congregation of First Christian last Sunday was most embarrassing. Of course, it was raining at church time last Sunday, but the men in the Services go on in the rain just the same for your country. Can not loyal Christians go on just the same for their Lord and Church. Read the following. It is as applicable to our people as it is to those for whom it was written. At what altar are **you** worshipping today? When the foundations of our civilization are about to crumble in upon us we need to give the more heed to the one and only institution that can keep our foundation from crumbling. Read the following.

Too many of our University Place people today are offering gifts at "Wayside Altars." They are missing the supreme issue: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Unimportant things are taking first place in our lives. Things that leave our souls barren and shrivelled and discontented. The heart of your pastor was saddened last Lord's Day as he stood in the pulpit. Truly it was a wonderful audience, but he missed the faces of so many of our people; so many

of our men and women who should have been in their places in God's House; so many of our young people for whom he looked wistfully. Where were they? There was no apparent reason for the absence of most of these.

Were they worshipping at "wayside altars?" Friends, it is the Lenten season. The season when Christ gave so heavily for us. The season when His life was so filled with difficult situations, with prayer and sacrifice.

Does it not seem that now, of all times, our hearts should be turning to Him and to His Church in love and adoration?

Let us not suplicate too long before "wayside altars." Let other things have their rightful places, but "other things" cannot take the place of the Church and the worship of God. They leave discontentment and wistfulness in the heart which allows them to crowd Him out.

Sit down alone and make these five tests:

Is your life sincere?

Is it Fearless?

Is it Unselfish?

Does it put first things first?

Is it marked by faithfulness?

When your life bears these characteristics you will daily experience peace and power; you will feel the poise and buoyancy which are the natural fruits of the conscientious Christian life.

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,

Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,

From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,

Still He calls, in cares and pleasures: "Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear Thy call,

Give our hearts to Thy obedience, serve and love Thee best of all. Amen.

Lent Means Spiritual Cleansing and Renewal

LETTER FROM DR. A. G. HENDERSON IN GERMANY

Communications from Dr. A. G. Henderson in an internment camp in Germany are very welcome these days. Dr. Henderson when last heard from was still working as a physician in the internment camp hospital and as indicated in a recent card to his wife doing some preaching in the chapel. The following is from a letter to C. M. Yocum of the Foreign Division.

"How happy I was to hear about Jamie's (Mrs. Henderson's) visit in Indianapolis. It recalled the happy visits I have had at 222 Downey more than 18 months ago. I had not heard until Jamie's letter came that Joe and Winfred Smith (interned in the Philippine Islands) were still unaccounted for. I scarcely know what to think but can only pray that God may spare them to continue to be messengers of the good news.

I feel God has much to teach us here and I earnestly pray that I may leave this place more sanctified and consecrated than ever before. The burden in my heart is sometimes terrific, but Matthew 26:39 and John 16:22 are of great help to me.

SCI TEACHES TEACHERS

One of the great needs of the teachers in the area of Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi, is for further educational opportunities. The school has sought to meet this need in years past by a Teachers' Institute. This year however this service has been enlarged into extension courses held on Saturday over a period of fifteen weeks.

Each week these teachers gather to study methods of teaching and ways to be of service to their communities. They come from little unpainted, poorly equipped schoolhouses where some have as many as 75 pupils and receive a salary of \$25.00 per month. Two of these teachers come by bus from a distance of 70 miles, arriving on Friday evening and then on Saturday evening making the long trip home again. The courses offered are in home economics, recreation, music, and community social studies.

FOOD FOR SMALL DEMOCRACIES

It will be remembered that the government of the United States and Great Britain some months ago permitted to Greece the experiment in relief previously proposed by the National Committee on Food for Small Democracies. Since last August through negotiations with the Swedish government and the International Red Cross relief has been effectively rendered.

A recent gathering of the United Council of Church Women, representing ten million leading church women passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, the experiment of feeding the starving Greek people under the control of the Swedish, Swiss and International Red Cross has, by word of the State Department, proved a success and not impeding the war effort; and whereas, a recent survey of conditions in industrial centers of Belgium show a 100% increase in child mortality; BE IT RESOLVED—that Herbert Lehman, as director of Relief and Rehabilitation, be urged to explore the possibilities of extending the Greek Plan to Belgium, Norway, Poland, Holland and other democratic countries."

FAITH TO PERSEVERE

One of our missionaries in the Belgian Congo was sitting one evening in a low dark hut during a rain and saw the sun penetrating the forest. In it she saw a symbol of the light that is penetrating the lives of the African people. She gives us minute pictures such as these—"A teacher with his group of children reading, playing, singing and praying; an old man assuring me he is a Christian and that he is the father of one of our teachers; an old unread woman praying that the gospel might be carried to the four corners of the earth; a Catholic man with leprosy who offers his penny and remarks that there is only one God; and the early morning drum reminding one that the light is coming and we should arise and be thankful for our night's peace and be alert to the day's opportunities. All are rays of light giving us faith to persevere."



THE MIRACLE OF GROWING LIFE

Go out into the garden and examine a seed; examine the same plant in bud and in the fruit, and you must confess the whole process a miracle, a perpetual miracle. Take it at any period, make yourself as familiar with all the facts as you can at each period, and in each explanation there will be some step or appearance to be referred directly to the Great Creator; something not the effect of the sower's deposit, nor of the waterer's hope. It is not the loam, nor the gravel, it is not the furrow of the ploughshare, nor the glare of the sun that calls greenness from the dust, it is the present power of Him who said, "Seedtime and harvest shall not fail." Needs there, my brethren, any further book than this returning summer that reminds us of the first creation, to suggest the Presence of God?

Ralph Waldo Emerson

* * * *

"I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey work of the stars,
And the pismire is equally perfect, and a grain of sand and the egg of a wren,
And the tree-toad is a chef-d'oeuvre of the highest,
And the running blackberry would adorn parlors of heaven,
And the narrowest hinge of my hand puts to scorn all machinery,
And the cow, crunching with depress'd head, surpasses any statue,
And a mouse is miracle enough to stagger sextillions of infidels."

—Walt Whitman.

* * * *

"Flower in the crannied wall,
I pluck you out of the crannies,
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
Little flower—but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is."

—Tennyson.



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ON OUR SICK LIST

Mr. James S. Erwin, 901 Third St., was a medical patient at the St. Joseph Hospital for still bed-fast.

Mrs. Harry Schultz of Bluffton has been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin, for a couple of weeks on account of her own illness, her baby's and her father's. The Schultz's have a new baby about two months old.

Mrs. Arza Smith, 3113 Lillie St., is a medical patient at the Lutheran Hospital, room 220.

Mrs. A. C. Ruby, 915 College St., is not well at home.

Mrs. W. W. Rousseau, R. No. 6, has not been so well at home.

Mrs. John Gerrard, 2620 Central Drive, while not bed-fast has been confined to her home since last Thanksgiving. She hopes to be out again soon.

Mrs. John Sutton, 611 W. Washington, has been ill at home all week.

AN OMISSION

We regret the name of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Follis was inadvertently omitted from our honor roll last week.

BOARD MEETING

The Official Board will hold its regular monthly meeting at the close of the morning worship service next Sunday. We hope it will not be raining (or snowing) next Sunday morning at the church hour so more members can attend the church services and remain for the meeting.

WITH OUR SERVICE MEN

Robert Ellison is with the Merchant Marines. His address is, Robert E. Ellison, A.S., Barracks B 2, Compt. L 107, U. S. Maritime Service, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. W. A. Ford, 901 Edgewater, in the death of her brother last week.

NEW MEMBER

Miss Mabel Haynes, 824 W. Jefferson, a new comer to the city joined the fellowship of First Christian last Sunday. She comes to us from Greenfield, Ohio.

DR. BLACK HERE

Dr. Guy Black of New York will be here Friday, April 9, to assist in launching the Evangelistic Crusade to be held next week, April 11-18, by the protestant churches of the city. All workers are urged to be present Friday night to get instructions for the work of the week.

Dr. Black is an executive secretary of the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches and is recognized as the most efficient organizer of Home Evangelism in America.

First Christian should have twenty-five workers at the meeting Friday night. Seventy-five members have been challenged to duty, but few have responded. We feel confident they will not let Christ down at the time he needs them so badly.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Because of special Holy Week Services the regular meeting of the Woman's Council will be held a week earlier, April 13, in the social room. Business meeting at 1:00 o'clock. Hostess: Martha Circle; Devotions: Rachel Circle; Program: Historical and Religious study of Argentina, by Mrs. Charles Lutz.

WHAT KILLED JESUS?

Who killed Jesus?

Cruel soldiers, careless crowds, proud Romans, resentful priests, false friends—these people, we say, killed Jesus. And because we are different from them, we feel conscience-free and blameless.

But what killed Jesus?

The ugly might of violence used to stamp out uncomfortable ideas!

the oblivious indifference of people who had no time or thought for human anguish;

the scornful resentment of vested power that could permit no defiance of its orders;

the grim glacial unwillingness of pious minds to change under the impact of fresh truth;

the superficial hypocrisy of treacherous cowards which wilted under attack.

These things are all around us.

They are within us.

The shadow of the cross is still in our lives.

We know, with a shudder of horror, that "we do crucify Him afresh."

There are two ways to atone for His Death.

Kill within our own hearts the terrible things that killed Jesus;

Build a world in which such life as His need not be snuffed out by blind forces.

Bernard C. Clausen.

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THE NOON HOUR

Theme: "The Meaning of Human Suffering."

Holy Week Services will be held each day at the Paramount Theatre. The services will be from 11:30 to 12:40 P.M.

Speakers for the Noon-hour meetings are:

Monday—Dr. F. Marion Smith, minister Central Avenue Methodist Church, Indianapolis.

Tuesday—Dr. O. W. Warmingham, Boston, Mass.

Wednesday—Dr. Harold Leonard Bowman, Minister First Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

Thursday—Bishop Fred L. Dennis, Indianapolis.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Three-hour Watch at The Cross on Good Friday will be observed at the Paramount Theatre from 11:40 A.M. to 2:40 P.M., and at three churches in various parts of the city from 12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M. The churches are Crescent Avenue Evangelical, Trinity Methodist, and South Wayne United Brethren.

YOUTH MEETING

The Young People of the City will hold a Good Friday Service at the Plymouth Congregational Church. The service will be from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M. under the direction of the Christian Youth Council, the Y.W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A. Dr. O. W. Warmingham of Boston will be the speaker.

THE UPPER ROOM

Upper Room Prayer Services will be held by the women of First Christian Church during Holy Week. The services will be in the Social Room. The following are the devotional leaders:

Monday, 2:30 P.M.—

Mrs. Owen Vaught, devotional leader.

Wednesday, 2:30 P.M.—Sacrificial Luncheon

Mrs. Chas. Dare, devotional leader.

Friday, 10:30 A.M.—

Mrs. Herman Sigrist, devotional leader.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

The Annual Candlelight Communion will be observed this year on Good Friday instead of Maundy Thursday. The service will be at 7:30 P.M. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is in commemoration of the Institution of the Supper in the Upper Room the night in which the Lord was betrayed.



LOS ANGELES ALL PEOPLE'S CHURCH

The new mission in Los Angeles that is occupying the Japanese Christian Institute building was recently named "All People's Church and Community Center." This is an appropriate name since it ministers to children of varying nationalities—Indian, Mexican, Negro, Caucasian, et cetera. One of the fine things that Mr. Genung, the superintendent, is doing is getting the churches of Los Angeles interested in this newest venture of the Home Missions Department. A library and toy loan project are in the offing which gives the churches in the city opportunity to assist. The staff is busy from early morning until late at night in playground and nursery.

"WE CARRY ON!"

Recently word written in November was received from Dr. Chester Miao, a national of Shanghai, China. Dr. Miao says—

"We are all well and happy. Our way of greeting now is 'Oh you are still here!' It may not mean much to you folks but it is full of meaning for us in Babylon. On rainy days the brightest spots are the red-arm bands which British and Americans must wear on the streets.

"No matter how hard up we shall be, even if we lose our building, we shall try to carry on because the churches need our moral support and sympathy more than anything else at this period."



CHURCH AT REPUBLIC

The church at Republic, Pennsylvania, in the Coke Region continues to grow. Tom Pletcher, pastor, reports a wise program of activities. This mission church located in the Coke Region maintains a bus to bring members to the services. Another bus is badly needed. The one that operates now brings about 130 to 150 people each Sunday morning, one group coming early and waiting about forty-five minutes for Sunday School to open. Then this group is returned to their homes and the others stay for the morning church services. Missionary societies have been organized in Penncraft, Ralph and Isabella.

SOLDIERS GUESTS OF MISSIONARIES

Our missionaries in India and Congo are cooperating with other missions in entertaining British and American soldiers, interpreting for them the nationals and showing them our mission work. Miss Ann Mullin of India writes:

"The Red Cross of India appeals for invitations for soldiers, British and American, to spend their leaves in homes. Three Englishmen have been in the home of Dr. Miller for eleven days. They seemed thoroughly to enjoy the vacation here. They have families in England and will be glad when the war is over and they can become civilians again. They like hunting and sight-seeing in the country. Dr. Lutz and I invited the soldiers and Dr. Miller for Thanksgiving dinner. The English men seemed to approve of the American menu, and the cooking which Dr. Lutz had done, especially the pumpkin pies."



THE POWER OF LIBERATING LOVE

The closing words of the little book "Dialogue in the Desert" are words that the author, Gerald Heard, imagines that Jesus spoke after the last of the temptations. They portray a vision in which he saw the whole span of his brief ministry revealed. These words of Jesus have a peculiar meaning in this season when we recall again the scenes of that Last Week with its triumph, death and victory.

"For the time being the confusing clouds of illusion, the tempter voice, the world's practical schemings, all vanish. And the stars are sure, clear and encompassing. I go down into the valley—where that voice will return and confuse me, the dust will rise and my guiding stars will, for moments be lost. I shall again find these doubts which I have laid, wrapped thickly about me. I shall hear men asking me to guide and I shall ask myself, have they come to betray? I must often hesitate and slip. But I have taken my choice.

After three years when it seems I must have failed and the accusing voice is true, that I have ruined my cause—and myself—I shall discover myself once more lifted up looking over the Peoples into the level sunset. The darkness will lift—the deadly voice will dwindle—and the anguish of exhaustion, death, and defeat will sink away. I shall say as I can say now—'It is finished: Father into Thy hands I commend this Spirit.'

"I am sent to all mankind with nothing but the universal appeal of love and with the life that such a liberating love makes possible."

"The Keys Of The Kingdom"

"I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom."
Jesus.

April 18—The Key of Sacrifice

"If any man will come after me let him deny himself." Mt. 16:24

"I am ready to go both unto prison and to die."
Luke 22:33

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Regular	\$107.80
Missions	10.40
Building Fund75
Loose	10.49
Initial50
Emergency Thousand	5.00
Total	\$134.94

NEW MEMBER

First Christian was happy to welcome into its fellowship last Sunday morning Mr. William Parker, Y.M.C.A., who comes to us from New Castle, Penn.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. W. G. Harrod, 2335 Oakridge, has been ill at home for several weeks, bed-fast.

Mrs. John Juday, 1713 Short St., is quite ill. She is at the Methodist Hospital, room 606.

Mr. Guy Abbot, Harlan, is an observation patient at the Lutheran Hospital, room 402.

Mrs. Dora Imbody, 717½ East Jefferson St. is quite ill at home.

Mr. W. B. Shively, R. No. 6, is up and around but is very poorly and has been since his operation last December.

JUST ARRIVED

Bradley Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Call, 2609 S. Hanna St., at Medical Center, on April 4.

Herschel Wayne, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Case (Cleviane Beyer), 1308 Sinclair St., at Medical Center, on March 30.

THANKS TO CALLERS

Your minister and the Evangelistic Committee wish to thank those who found the time to assist in the Home Visitation Crusade this week. Many fine contacts have been made with new-comers to the city. Teams from the other thirty-one participating churches report splendid results. We are grateful for those who took part.

Emergency Million has now reached \$920,000.00.

YOUR EASTER OFFERING

In the Morning Worship

In your carton of envelopes may be found a special Easter Envelope for your special Easter church offering. If every contributor would bring \$1.00 in his Easter Envelope the gift at Easter would be over \$300.

When making your Easter gift consider what gift Christ made for you.

I gave my life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead,
I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou giv'n for Me.

In the Church School

Four offerings are taken each year in the church school. Your Easter offering in the church school goes for Ministerial Relief, Home Missions, Church Extension, Christian Unity, Social Welfare, National City Christian Church and the International Convention.

UNMARKED ENVELOPE

Two weeks ago a pew envelope was received in which was \$7.00, but no name written on the envelope. Five dollars as for current expenses, one dollar for missions and one dollar for building fund. Will the contributor using the pew envelope mentioned above please notify the church office so credit may be given.

HOME QUARTERLIES

There are several copies of the Hearthstone left. Last quarter fifty copies were taken and used. If you have not received yours for this quarter, April, May and June, get it next Sunday. If you know of some one who is sick and shut-in take one for him. The Hearthstone is the new home devotional of the Disciples and is growing better with each issue.

ABOUT OUR SERVICE MEN

Wayne Imbody, T.M. 3/c, one of our faithful young workers before induction into the service, has spent the week at home with his parents and friends. On his return to duty he will put to sea.

Pvt. Herschel W. Case, is at Camp Gordon, Ga., where he has been stationed for about three months.

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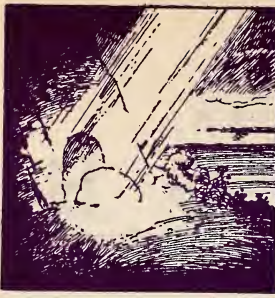
April 25, 1943

The Sun of Righteous Shall Arise With Healing in Its Wings—Mal. 4:2

7:00 A.M. — Young Peoples Easter Dawn Service
Woodlawn Memorial Park

10:30 A.M. — "Go Tell — He Is Risen"

The Organ—"Easter Prelude"	Vause Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott
Easter Proclamation—"The Day of Resurrection"	The Chorus
The Easter Call—Minister and Congregation	
The King Proclaimed—"Fairest Lord Jesus"	The Chorus
The Resurrection Foretold	Reverend Burgess
Hymn—"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"	From Lyra Davidica Mrs. Guy Abbot, Director
The Easter Gifts—"To Spring"	Grieg
The Good Confession and Welcoming New Members	
Anthem—"Hallelujah, Christ Is Risen"	Semper Mrs. Bernard Welborn, Soprano
Sermon—"The Keys of the Kingdom—VII The Key of Victory Over Death"	Reverend Burgess
In Remembrance	Mrs. David Hogg
Memorial Solo—"Open the Gates of the Temple" Mrs. Ray Fish	
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
The Benediction	
The Organ Resurrexit	Lacey



THE GLORIOUS CROSS AND HOLY OBEDIENCE

"An awful solemnity is upon the earth, for the last vestige of earthly security is gone. It has always been gone, and religion has always said so, but we haven't believed it. But be not deceived—the plagues of Egypt are upon the world, entering hovel and palace, and there is no escape for you or for me. There is an inexorable amount of suffering in all life, blind aching, unremovable, not new but only terribly intensified in these days.

"The heart is stretched through suffering, and enlarged. But, O the agony of this enlarging heart, that one may be prepared to enter into the anguish of others! Yet the way of holy obedience leads out from the heart of God and extends through the Valley of the Shadow.

"The Cross as dogma is painless speculation; the Cross as lived suffering is anguish and glory. Yet God out of the pattern of His own heart, has planted the Cross along the road of holy obedience. And He enacts in the hearts of those He loves the miracle of willingness to welcome suffering and to know it for what it is—the final goal of His gracious love.

"I dare urge you to your Cross. But He, more powerfully, speaks with you and me, to our truest selves, to our truest moments, and disquiets us with the world's needs. By inner persuasions He draws us to a few definite tasks, OUR tasks, God's burdened heart particularizing His burdens for us. And He gives us the royal blindness of faith, and the seeing eye of the sensitized soul, and the grace of unflinching obedience. Then we see that nothing matters, and that everything matters for me and for my fellow men and for Eternity. And if we be utterly humble, we may be given strength to be obedient even unto death of the Cross.

"The times are too tragic, God's sorrow too great, man's night too dark, the Cross too glorious, for us to live as we have lived, in anything short of holy obedience."

—Thomas R. Kelly in "Holy Obedience."



EASTER

EASTER AND MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Each Church School Class is contributing to the Easter flowers this year. Instead of bringing an Easter Lily as heretofore, each class is contributing to the Easter Flower Fund. Mrs. C. F. Durfee is in charge.

Flowers in memory of departed loved ones are most appropriate at Easter. They should be sent to the Church on Saturday so the Committee on Decorations may artistically arrange the floral pieces.

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION FRIDAY NIGHT

The Annual Candlelight Communion will be observed this year on Good Friday instead of Maundy Thursday. The service will be at 7:30 P.M. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is in commemoration of the Institution of the Supper in the Upper Room the night in which the Lord was betrayed.

In Remembrance

"I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man can number, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hand; and they cry 'Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.'" (Rev. 7:9).

God calls our loved ones,

But we lose not wholly

What he has given,

They live on earth in thought and deed

As truly as in His heaven."

Remembrance will be made of those who have fallen asleep since last Easter. In the service candles will be lighted for departed members of First Christian and for members elsewhere if requested. **Friends wishing to have a candle lighted** for loved ones should call the minister.

For these the candles will be lighted:

Mrs. Ida Schullenberg

Mr. Cornelias M. Colby

Mr. Earl C. Ambler

Miss Alice Shoemaker

The altar will be decorated and arranged by Mr. C. F. Durfee. Mrs. David Hogg will light the candles after which Mrs. Ray Fish will sing, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. I. W. Ditton, 911 East Wayne Street, is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, room 164.

Mrs. F. H. Rogers, 3021 Weisser Park, has been ill at home for a couple of weeks.

May the glad dawn

On Easter morn

Bring joy to thee.

May the calm eve

Of Easter leave

A peace divine with thee.

May Easter night

One thine heart write,

O Christ, I live for Thee.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers last Sunday were in memory of Miss Alice Shoemaker who passed away last week and were presented by Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Decker of Defiance, Ohio.

ON EASTER DAY

"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared "Luke 24:1." With loving hearts they came bringing the loving gifts their loyal hands had prepared. That dawn changed their outlook on life and the history of mankind. Easter does just that for those who march Toward Calvary and Easter with both heart and hand laden with sacrificial gifts.

In your carton of envelopes is a special **EASTER ENVELOPE** that you, like them, may bring as your loving gift on Easter Day. When we remember His gift for us on Calvary our hearts cry out

"Love so amazing, so divine

Demands my soul, my life, my all."

NEW MEMBERS

Our hearts were gladdened last Sunday when the wives of two of our deacons came forward to become members of First Christian. Mrs. Myron Cole comes from Paxton, Indiana, Church and Mrs. Romane Cole by confession.

First Christian has had additions each Sunday during April.

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Regular	\$125.70
Missions	15.05
Building Fund	1.20
Loose Offering	11.67
First Christian Tidings	1.50
Easter	5.75
Emergency Thousands	5.00

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 A. M. Every Sunday

What a day Easter was! We were tremendously enthused with the crowd at Church last Sunday. So many exclaimed, "Why can't it be this way every Sunday?" It could be if all those who attended on Easter would make Church going a habit. We invite all to try it again.

"The best way to nourish one's soul is to come regularly to church.

Join up, make a subscription, enter heartily into the worship service, sing the hymns, listen to the Old Book, bow in prayer, pay attention to the sermon, shake hands with somebody before you leave, talk it over around the dinner table and think about it all before you go to sleep at night.

Do that regularly, week after week, and you will not suffer from spiritual anemia or religious undernourishment."—Dr. Albert W. Palmer, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Somewhere, somehow, sometime each day, Let's turn aside to stop and pray,
That God will make this church the way
Of righteousness to men.

BLESSINGS OF THE SANCTUARY

The church is properly a place of privilege and blessing. One should attend public worship from a sense of duty until he learns to attend it with joyous anticipation. The church offers an opportunity for the worship of God. In song and scripture and prayer and sermon one may become aware of God. He meets with those who truly worship. Worship ministers to strength of character and inner poise. It is life's highest joy and most rewarding experience. Any person who wants to live life at its best should go to church. —Clipped.

GUEST NEXT SUNDAY

The members of First Christian are to have as their guests next Sunday the Fort Wayne Chapter of the Order of De Molay's. Walter Whitacre, 1106 E. Rudisill is an officer of the De Molay's. We are happy to have these young men worship with us next Sunday.

Is E A S T E R the End

"In the beginning God . . ."

"I came that you may have life and may have it abundantly."

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

"He is not here, but is risen . . ."

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations . . ."

Here we have the great road signs of Christian progress. Easter is not the end. It is the mountain peak from which we see the rising sun of a new day. It is where we take up the task and move toward His goal—the Kingdom of God on earth.

Many of us would like to stay up in the clouds of the resurrection experience, but the Master made that impossible. The Great Commission shook men out of their reverie and commanded them to "Go"—there is a job to do!

The church has a choice to make. It may lift up Christ before all men or it may, because of indifference and selfishness, crucify Him over and over again.

To the Christian, Easter is never complete without its "Children's Day." This year they come close together. It is good. The spirit of the resurrection and the Great Commission must more and more mingle in the Christian's service to God's children everywhere.

OUR NECROLOGY

These are they for whom Candles were lighted in the Memorial Service on Easter Day.

Mrs. Ida Schulenberg
Mr. Cornelius M. Colby
Mr. Earl C. Ambler
Mr. William Yagerlehner
Miss Alice Shoemaker

We regret the omission of Brother Yagerlehner's name in last week's necrology. Brother Yagerlehner was a faithful deacon for many years.

"God calls our loved ones,

But we lose not wholly

What he has given,

They live on earth in thought and deed

As truly as in His heaven."



AN AFRICAN SONG OF THANKSGIVING

A song with true African rhythm and harmony is this one used in African churches as a hymn of dedication for gifts made at thanksgiving time.

*"You gave us our beans, oh, heavenly Father,
With joy we bring some back to You.*

*"You gave us our corn, oh heavenly Father,
With joy we bring some back to You.*

*"You gave us our peanuts, heavenly Father,
With joy we bring some back to You.*

*"You gave us money, heavenly Father,
With joy we bring some back to You.*

*"You gave us everything, heavenly Father,
With joy we bring some back to You."*

CHURCH SERVICES AT HEART MOUNTAIN

Mr. K. Unoura, former pastor of our Japanese Christian Church in Los Angeles, is now stationed at Heart Mountain Relocation Center where a great many of his former members are also located. He is Chairman of the group of religious workers with five or six other pastors who carry on the continuous religious services of the camp. On Sunday there are three Bible School periods with at least 100 children through the intermediate grades. They meet for Bible Study and worship. There are four church services where almost every one of the backless seats are filled with people participating in the worship hour.

Priority for the building of a church to be constructed by the Presbyterian Board has been denied and it is necessary for these church groups to meet in the recreation barracks. This means a great deal of confusion for within the camp there is a growing recreational program.

PACKING DAY AT MISSIONS BUILDING

Recently one of the local missionary groups of Indianapolis came to the Missions Building to assist in packing the gifts that have been sent to Missionary Organizations to be distributed to various needy centers. It was a busy day that resulted in the packing of six large boxes of books, games, kindergarten supplies, baby layettes and other clothing for our Japanese friends in the Relocation Centers; three large boxes of used clothing for the Hazel Green Academy Jot 'Em Down Store; and two large boxes of clothing and layettes for the Southern Christian Institute; and ten boxes of hospital supplies and clothing which through the cooperation of the American Friends Service Committee will administer to human need in foreign fields.

In this time of need this service is more than welcome and although it means an added responsibility for the department of Missionary Organizations, of which Mrs. H. B. Marx is executive secretary, she and her helpers are glad to continue this service.

ABOUT INDIA

India's total area is 1,567,000 square miles with a population of 388,800,000. One out of every five persons in the world is an Indian.

92,972,000 Indians—nearly one in every four of the total population—are not British subjects, but live in Indian States which cover nearly two-fifths of the area of India.

Eighty-nine per cent of the population lives an entirely rural life (as compared with 43.8 per cent in the United States). There are only 36 cities with a population of more than 100,000.

Sixty-eight per cent of the population are Hindus, twenty-two per cent Moslems; in four of the eleven provinces however the Moslems are in the majority. The remaining ten per cent, including such important communities as the Sikhs, belong to a wide variety of races and creeds.

There are about 24 different languages—as many as the main languages of Europe—spoken by a million or more persons in India. The only language common to educated Indians is English.



IMPLEMENTING OUR RESOLUTIONS

There is persistent talk on the part of religious leaders about the sin of war, and the sin of economic injustice, and the sin of race persecution, and the sin of intemperance. But there lacks a thoroughgoing acceptance of the responsibility for the kind of education and the kind of Christianity which helped to produce and perpetuate these conditions.

Those who moulded the thought of America before the outbreak of the war would do well to remember the kind of thinking and what that thinking produced to make war inevitable. Unless a new peace brings a new kind of thinking and its products, another war will follow.

The Church is NOT a disinterested spectator of the tragedy of war and revolution. The Church is a part of the spectacle. It is one thing to pay lip-service to the ideals of freedom, justice, equal opportunity, the right of self-determination, access to raw materials and facilities for trade for all nations. But it is another thing to accept and approve the practical deductions from these ideals.

If the Church has the sacrificial devotion to implement the corollaries drawn from the pronouncements of its own councils, then the most promising era of human history will dawn after this night of war.

(Adapted from Editorial in Christian Evangelist.)



A PRAYER FOR THESE TIMES

"O God, speak to our hearts when men faint for fear, and Love grows cold and there is distress among the nations of the earth.

"Keep us resolute and steadfast in the things that cannot be shaken. Renew the love that never faileth, increase our faith in the final triumph of right and make us lift up our eyes and behold, beyond the things of time and sense, the things unseen and eternal.

(T. H. Mathieson)

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Loose Offering	1.50
First Christian Tidings	1.00
Christmas	65.70
Easter	

Total	\$314.02
Easter Church School Offering	107.08
Total Church & Church School	\$421.10

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Mary Wagner, 521 E. Masterson.

TIDINGS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. Branstrator
Mrs. Richard Rousseau (2 yr.)
Miss Lucille McCarty
Mrs. R. E. Firestone
No Name

STATE CONVENTION

The annual state convention of the Disciple Churches will be held this year at the Main Street Church of Kokomo. The convention will be May 17, 18 and 19.

This will be the 104th state convention.

Those who are contemplating attending should make reservations in advance. The registration fee is \$1.00. Pre-registration cards may be obtained at the church office.

Since the convention is so near several from First Christian should avail themselves of this opportunity of attending.

CLASS PARTY

The Friendly Bible class will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merland Heller, 3224 Broadway, on Friday evening, May 7.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. W. G. Harrod, 2335 Oakridge, in the passing of her mother last Monday, Mrs. Ketrow. Mrs. Ketrow spent her life in the Manse. Her husband was a Presbyterian Minister.

RECEIVED INTO FELLOWSHIP

The Minister and Congregation were happy to welcome these new members into the Fellowship of First Christian during the Lenten Season 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, Windsor Apt., 521 W. Berry St.

Miss Mabel Haynes, 824 West Jefferson.

Mr. William Parker, Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. Myron Cole, 3115 So. Wayne

*Mrs. Romane Cole, 3115 So. Wayne.

Mr. Carl Dwyer

*Mr. Charles H. Krick, 904 Lake

Mr. Bernard Welborn, 2511 S. Lafayette

*James Clark, 4336 S. Lafayette

*John Gaskill, 2214 Crescent Ave.

Mrs. Lewis Rhodes, 836 Columbia

Mrs. William DeRolf, 846 Lake

Mrs. Robert Furgeson, 846 Lake

*—By Confession.

APPRECIATION

The altar flowers last Sunday were most artistically arranged and added much grace to the services. The congregation is indebted to Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Harrison Simon, Mrs. David Hogg, and Mrs. Joe Siples for the arrangement.

Praise is due the several classes and friends who sent Easter and Memorial flowers.

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

The Ordinance of Baptism will be observed next Sunday evening in a candlelight service. The Baptism will be at 5:00 P.M. All those who have made their confession during the Lenten Season will be baptized.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. Floyd Morrical, 2926 Pittsburgh St., has been ill at home for a week with the flu but is now able to be out again.

James W. Hirschy is in the hospital at Scott Field, Illinois, with the scarlet fever. His address is PFC. James W. Hirschy, T.S.S. 370, Barracks 106, Scott Field, Illinois.

COUNCIL MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

The **Ruth Circle, Tuesday**, May 4, Mrs. Stelle Binkley's, 1006 Taylor St. This is to be an evening meeting for the families.

All members please note and attend.

The **Rachel Circle, Tuesday**, May 4, 2:00 P.M., Mrs. Leo Blair's, 2909 John St.

The **Naomi Circle, Wednesday**, May 5, 2:00 P.M., Mrs. Don Eyer's, 2131 Alabama.

The **Esther Circle, Wednesday**, May 5, 2:15 P.M., Mrs. Joe Siples, 717 Lawton Place. The subject will be "Missionaries" by Mrs. C. How. Mrs. Lehman is in charge of devotions.

The **Martha Circle, Wednesday**, May 5, 12:30 P.M. Mrs. Merland Heller's, 3224 Broadway. This will be a birthday luncheon.

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MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M. Next Sunday

Every grateful heart will want to pay tribute to the greatest person in his life, besides his Master, his mother.

The best way to pay tribute to her is to worship with her at her altar. Bring her to church and sit beside her next Sunday. If she has joined the Church Invisible, sit in her pew at church and commune with her in the love of worship.

She has meant much to you in your life. It will mean much to her to know you are loyal to her faith. So come to church next Sunday.

The Adult Choir will sing "Going Home" by Dvorak. Miss Virginia Hutson of New Haven will sing "That Wonderful Mother of Mine" by Goodwin.

A MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

Lord Jesus, Thou hast known

A mother's love and tender care:

And Thou wilt hear,

While for my own

Mother most dear

I make this birthday prayer.

Protect her life, I pray,

Who gave the gift of life to me:

And may she know,

From day to day,

The deepening glow,

Of joy that comes from Thee.

As once upon her breast

Fearless and well content I lay,

So let her heart

On Thee at rest

Feel fear depart

And trouble fade away.

Ah, hold her by the hand,

As once her hand held mine:

And though she may

Not understand

Life's winding way,

Lead her in peace divine.

I cannot pay my debt

For all the love that she has given:

But Thou, loved Lord,

Wilt not forget

Her due reward,—

Bless her in earth and heaven.

—Henry Van Dyke.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

May 2-8 is National Family Week. How appropriate! What does the Community, the Nation, and the World need more today than the unit of society found in the Christian Family.

Our first line of National defense is the home. A nation will need never worry as long as it has good mothers and good homes. The mothers of the nation are our first citizens. The nation needs them. We cannot have a Christian home without Christian mothers; nor a Christian nation without Christian homes. America needs both. A nation is blessed that has them.

Our service men will have no regrets for the sacrifices they are making today if they can be made to feel they are protecting Christian homes and not pagan homes.

So long as there are homes to which men turn at the close of day;

So long as there are homes where children are, where women stay;

If love and loyalty and faith be found across those sills,

A stricken nation can recover from its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where fires burn, and there is bread;

So long as there are homes where lamps are lit, and prayers are said;

Although a people falter through the dark, and nations grope,

With God himself back of these little homes, we have sure hope.

As long as there are homes on the city's crowded street,

Which give to youth who toil restful safe retreat;

Homes where beauty glows, where love hold rendezvous,

To ideals high and lofty, our youth will then be true.

And when the Cause of Righteousness Needs leaders in the fight,

'Twill be from homes like these they'll come, to lead the world aright.

Grace Noll Crowell in World Call.

INTRODUCING KATHLEEN SHANNON



who began her work as national director in the department of missionary organizations on March 15th. Miss Shannon through her teaching experience and experience in religious education with youth and children's groups in denominational and interdenominational groups as well as her work in Andover-Newton Seminary, is well prepared for her new responsibilities in the national office. She succeeds Miss Helen Spaulding who is now with the International Council of Religious Education in Chicago.

OUR CHAPLAINS

Two hundred and fifteen chaplains now represent our brotherhood in the Army and Navy. Those having the largest number of chaplains in the army are—Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ in the order named.

The Pension Fund is paying the 8% dues for 102 chaplains, 6 of these are related workers (such as Red Cross workers, etc.) These payments are made from Emergency Million Funds. These chaplains are widely scattered among the great bases here in the U. S. A. and in many other countries.

Thus far no chaplain has been killed in service. The prayers of the church in faith follow them in the hope that God may use them among our boys in the armed forces everywhere as spiritual messengers and reveal to them the true meaning of His gospel of love.

UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL

A special middle school to care for refugee high school students who have recently escaped from Occupied China was opened last October 19 with 173 boys and girls from 23 schools. More were coming from Shanghai. Refugee faculty members teach in the school. It is called the Kanshien Union Middle School.

This school is being served by six different mission boards—Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian (North), Southern Baptist, Presbyterian and ourselves.

HIGHER LIVING COSTS IN MISSION FIELDS

From Porto Rico—"Within the past year and a half the cost of food and other necessities of living have increased according to government statistics 45%, and are still rising."

From China—"About one-fifth of the people are in danger of starvation. The other four-fifths have land and houses, but because of poor crops and heavy taxes will be in serious difficulty of getting enough to eat. . . . In Dinying crops averaged about 20% and about 40% of the people will be in serious difficulty this coming year. . . . There is an absolute oil famine at present, no margarine, no lard, no salad oil, or peanut oil. The cost of living is from 50 to 70 times what it was in 1938."

From India—"All goes well for us. I had to sell my car because of petrol not being available for use in Damoh for Mission work, and tires and tubes are very difficult to get. Batteries and spare parts are very expensive. I learned to ride a bicycle. We rent a tonga for city and village work too far away to reach walking."

FIRST STEPS IN FAMILY WORSHIP

Is the title of a new booklet issued by the United Christian Education Advance. The pamphlet is written by Blanche Secor Longman and furnishes not only a discussion of the art of family worship, but also a suggested outline of devotional studies for one month. With the observation of Stewardship and the Family during the month of May this publication of the United Christian Education Advance is most welcome.



The Place of Love in Modern Life

*"Love ever gives,—forgives—outlives—
And ever stands with open hands,
And while it lives,
It gives.*

*For this is love's prerogative—
To give, and give—and give."*

—John Oxenham.

"If I create wealth beyond the dream of past ages and increase not love, my heat is the flush of fever and my success will deal death.

"Though I have the foresight to locate the fountains of riches, and power to preempt them, and skill to tap them, and have no loving vision for humanity I am blind.

"Though I give of my profits to the poor and make princely endowments for those who toil for me, if I have not human fellowship of love with them, my life is barren and doomed.

"Love is just and kind, love is not greedy and covetous; love exploits no one; it takes no unearned gain; it gives more than it gets; love does not break down lives of others to make wealth for itself; it makes wealth to build the life of all.

"Love seeks solidarity; it tolerates no divisions; it prefers equal workmates; it shares its efficiency. Love enriches all men, educates all men, gladdens all men."

—Walter Rauschenbusch.

Stewardship is the Christian way of living. Giving that does not spring forth from devout living is profitless. We help the world through our giving to the extent we live like Christians.

TO LIVE IS TO GIVE!

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Loose	9.30
Easter	1.00
Total	\$99.40

JUST ARRIVED

Mary Ann came to live with (adopted) Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan, 547 East State St. She was born January 22, 1943.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. Collins Mannan, 547 East State St., in the death of her brother who died in the Services in New Orleans, April 13, 1943. He was a navy electrician. He died shortly after the return to Duty from his home where he attended the funeral of his father.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful floral pieces last Sunday were furnished by the Friendly Bible class and the Women's Bible class. Thanks! to the classes and to the flower committee.

GUEST SOLOIST

Miss Mary Whithorn was our guest soloist last Sunday and sang most beautifully "The Lord's Prayer." We appreciated her lovely contribution to the worship service. Miss Virginia Hutson will be our guest soloist next Sunday. She will sing "That Wonderful Mother of Mine", by Goodwin.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 Webster, H-78483.

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19

"No more important task faces the American Community today than that of maintaining its homes. The health and happiness of children, the guidance of youth, the security of families must be guarded from impairment in wartime so that the well-being of this nation is assured. The historic concern for these values, and the central place of the family ideal in Christian and Jewish traditions, constitute the greatest assets for assuring success for this program throughout the nation.

"I trust that no community, no church, no sincerely religious citizen throughout this land, will fail to find a way to share in this nation-wide observance."

—From a letter by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

MOTHER'S DAY BROADCAST

Next Sunday afternoon the Golden Rule Foundation will broadcast a Mother's Day Program. The broadcast is over the Mutual Network, 4:30-5:00 P.M. Mrs. Thompson the American Mother for 1943 will speak. The choir of the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, John Charles Thomas, and Mary Pickford will sing. 4:30 next Sunday.

THE GOLDEN RULE WAY TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

Honor our Mothers—Help other Mothers

Tens of Millions of Mothers are now homeless, impoverished, destitute and dependent —on Mothers' Day, May 9th, 1943.

"They are praying not for 'flowers' but 'flour.' Not for Books and candy but for bread. Not for greeting cards, telegrams and messages of love but for food, clothes, medicine and the sheer necessities of life." — Sara Delano Roosevelt, Honorary Chairman American Mothers' Committee, 1935-1941.

A Mothers' Day Gift from You NOW May Save a Mothers Life

Let us be thankful that we may be on the giving rather than the receiving end of the Golden Rule.

A GIFT TO MOTHER

There is no gift that I can bring that ever can repay
The endless giving you have done, but on this Mother's Day
I bring to you my heart and hands to lay them on the shrine
Of memories to all you gave to me, O Mother Mine!

"And He stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Matthew 12:49-50

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MAY DAY BREAKFAST May 18, 1943, 10:30 A.M.

The annual May Day Breakfast of the Woman's Council will be next Tuesday, May 18. The meeting will be held in the church social rooms. The breakfast will be at 10:30 A.M.

Following the breakfast the business meeting will be held and special program given. Following is the program:

DevotionsMrs. Harry Imbody
Program study of "Brazil"
Historical by.....Mrs. C. W. Winfield
Religious byMrs. Ray Woodhull
Vocal Solos.....Mrs. Richard Miller
"Beside Still Waters"
"The Holy Hour"

When your face is toward the sunshine,
the shadows fall behind you.

VICTORY CHURCH CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN

More than 300,000 members of the Disciples Churches in America have had their church relationship disturbed by removal from one community to another incident to our nation's war effort. The Disciples of Christ are therefore joining in a **Victory Church Conservation Campaign** which seeks to relate all non-resident church members to the church in the communities where they are living.

300,000 church members are now lost. It is the purpose of the Victory Church Conservation Campaign to bring these lost members into a new relationship with the church in their new community.

The Victory Church Conservation Campaign is sponsored by the following agencies: The Committee on Evangelism of the Home and State Missions Planning Council; The Department of Church Development and Evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society; The United Christian Education Advance forces of the Brotherhood; and the various state missionary societies.

I will let no man drag me down so low as to make me hate him.—Booker T. Washington.

PICTURE OF CHURCH

On page two of this issue of the Tidings may be found a picture of the congregation of First Christian as it worships on Sunday mornings (except on Easter Sunday, Mother's Day or special occasions). It is a view of the congregation that may be seen many Sunday's from the pulpit. It would not be so tragical were it not so common to so many churches today. Just think of it 300,000 members of the Disciples churches away from their regular place of worship because living in a new community, and 300,000 more away from their regular place of worship because they are living in the same old community. Take a look at the picture of First Christian on page two and then ask yourself, "is that vacant space my place?"

Many of those vacant spaces are caused by men and women working on Sunday, it is true. It is also true that many of them are caused because there is still plenty of gasoline to eat dinner at Aunt Mary's or mothers, because the bed has a stronger pull than the church, because some would rather nourish a peeve than nurture the soul. As you gaze upon the picture on page two ask yourself this question, "What kind of a church would First Christian be if every member in it were just like me?"

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Mrs. John Juday is still a patient at the Methodist Hospital, room 606, and is some stronger, yet quite ill and unable to see visitors.

Mrs. Earl C. Ambler, whose husband died recently, underwent a major operation at St. Joseph's Hospital. She is recovering nicely. Room 455.

Mrs. Dora Imbody is now at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Strout, 1924 Spy Run Ave., but is still quite sick. She can have visitors.

Reverend E. W. Allen, 525 Madison, was ill last week but is now improved. He closed his ad interim ministry at Central Church last week.

Reverend A. P. Wilson, formerly minister of First Christian, has resigned his pastorate at Michigan City, Ind., and moved to Indianapolis.

MEDICAL QUESTIONS FROM AFRICA

Miss Martha Bateman from Monieka writes about some of the questions that faced her in the absence of a doctor—

"The liquid iodine is nearly finished. How shall I make more?" "How much water shall I mix with the different neosalvarsan treatments?" "The woman with pleurisy has nearly recovered but what shall I do about her throat that was burned with strange native medicine before she came to the hospital. Perhaps I can treat that throat but how can I treat the digestive tract that must be burned worse than her throat?"

And about midnight comes this thought—"Did I give the pneumonia patient the right 'sulfo' drug. Should I have given sulfathiazole or sulfapyridine? If I gave the wrong one, will the patient live?"

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING IN CHENG TU

The largest center for refugee colleges is in Chengtu, about two hundred miles west of Chungking, the present seat of the government in China, and more than two thousand miles from Nanking. Before the war there were more than 440 students on the campus of the University of Nanking, now there are more than two thousand on this campus, most of them refugees, crowded into the original buildings and overflowing into emergency structures erected since 1937.

There is a great deal of privation in the lives of the students and staff members. Living costs are more than 200 times as much as they were in 1937 and academic incomes remain static. Teachers as well as students are undernourished and hunger on the campus is an ever present reality.

WORK CAMP AT HAZEL GREEN

The first work camp in which Disciples of Christ will cooperate will be held at Hazel Green for eight weeks in June and July. Wolfe County where the campers will work is one of the poorest counties per capita in the state—with an average yearly income of less than \$100.00 per year. Where there are two doctors for a population of 9,997 and where there are 90% of the people suffering from malnutrition. The poorest educational facilities in the state are in Wolfe County, where only a small percentage of school children of high school age are in school. Where there are no funds for rebuilding school houses that do not even have window panes. No public transportation for school children so that they must attend these poorly furnished schools.

The project which will engage the services of the work camp will be the rehabilitation of these school houses. The campers will live in the buildings of the Hazel Green Academy and will also assist in the gardening at the Academy.

This is the way the church looks sometimes
to the pastor when he goes into the pulpit. Any pastor would just as soon preach to a woodpile as to empty benches. There is no inspiration in vacant pews.
(Notice how the crowd gets heavier at the rear of the church!)

WHAT IS TITHING?

Tithing is the practice of setting aside one-tenth of one's income for the work of Jesus Christ. It means one-tenth of one's income from salary, wages, investments, or from industrial, agricultural, business or professional incomes minus necessary operating expenses. The tithe as a minimum takes its place as a practical expression of stewardship. It is a practical means of proportionate giving. It is a principle by which we can make stewardship actual and living.

In one sentence Jesus lifted the principle of the tithe into the realm of moral obligation in the New Testament dispensation. Matt. 23:23. From his divine ought there can be no appeal, yet his endorsement of tithing was merely incidental as compared to his exposition of the larger meaning of stewardship. The tenth is only the bottom standard.

The proportion should increase as the income increases. The Christian concept of man's relation to his material possessions is that of stewardship rather than ownership. This is a radical change. It is renouncing of all that one has; this is what Jesus meant when he said—"Whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."



A LITANY OF THANKS FOR HOME

We are glad for homes in which families may work and play and live happily together;

We thank Thee, O God, for our home.

We are glad for each other, and for the things we do together in our homes;

We thank Thee, God, for our home.

We are glad for the happy, gay times, for the understanding, comforting times, for the
"help-one-another" times we have together;

We thank Thee, God, for our home.

We are glad for the joy of forgiving when we have been unkind or forgetful of one
another;

We thank Thee, God, for our home.

We are glad for the friendliness that men and women and boys and girls find in our
home;

We thank Thee, God, for our home.

We are glad for all that our home can do to help build Christian homes around the
world;

We thank Thee, God, for our home.

—MABEL NIEDERMEYER.

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Regular	\$ 80.07
Missions	8.13
Building Fund70
Loose	12.52
Tidings50
Easter	2.50
	<hr/> \$104.12

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL, 1943

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance, April 1, 1943	\$98.77
Regular	473.86
Missions	44.00
Loose	78.62
Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter	72.45
First Christian Tidings	3.00
Initial .....	.50
Emergency Thousand	10.00
Building Fund	7.45
	<hr/> \$788.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$325.50
Office and Church Supplies	21.86
First Christian Tidings	25.00
Utilities	22.82
Unified Promotion	34.00
Federal Council of Churches	10.00
Pension Fund	20.00
Interest on Mortgage	60.00
Coal	100.00
	<hr/> \$619.18

Balance on hand May 1, 1943.....**\$169.47**

\$788.65

Unpaid bills as of May 1, 1943

Coal\$ 76.00

Every Day is the world made new.—Lowell.

Christianity prepares men for everyday living.

STATE CONVENTION

The 104th State Convention of the Disciples of Christ Churches in Indiana will be held next week, May 17-19, at the Main Street church in Kokomo. The theme of the State Convention is: "Faith., Works., Victory." Dr. S. Grundy Fisher of Indianapolis is the president of the convention and will preside.

The ministers' session of the convention will be held Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCE

The Young Peoples Conference for Northern Indiana will be held June 13-18 at Oakwood Park, Lake Wawasee, Syracuse. Young people who are thinking of going to Conference should see the minister or Church School Superintendent. The Young Peoples Conference is for all youth between the ages of 16 and 24 or having completed one year of high school work.

Miss Anna Clarke of Indianapolis will direct the conference.

VACATION SCHOOL

A meeting will be held at the Y.M.C.A. Friday night, May 14, to make plans for a Vacation Church School for the downtown area of churches. All persons interested in a vacation school for this area are invited to attend at the Y.M.C.A. Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

RUMMAGE! RUMMAGEN! RUMMAGEN!

May 14 - 15, 1943

1321 South Calhoun Street

In charge of Mrs. Leo Blair.

May is house-cleaning month. Go through your wardrobes and take out all the garments that you will never use again and bring them to the Rummage Sale.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Emma Bushong, 2201 Courtland Ave.

Mrs. Nettie Funk, 1932½ Smith St.

Mrs. Irene Kissinger, R. R. 7, Columbia City.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Hoover, 3920 Nakomis, R. R. No. 11.

TIDINGS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tracey, 4131 Warsaw.

JUST ARRIVED

Michael Nolan, to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Lewis, 409 Edgewood, May 12, at Lutheran Hospital, room 366.

There is no short-cut to Heaven.

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CHURCH WORSHIP

10:30 A.M., Every Sunday

THE EMPTY CHURCH

The aisles are silent now—the feet that passed
Before the altar have gone away
To join the gay street crowds, and the last
Great hymn has ended for the day.
But they will return—those quickly passing
feet.

They cannot escape the harsh discord
That moans and hisses all along the street.
They will come again to seek the Lord.
—Warner Muir.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ELECT

Temporary officers for the newly formed
Council of Churches were elected at the St.
John's Reformed church recently. Mr. David
Hogg is the newly elected temporary president.
Dr. B. Brooks Shake and Dwight Shirey
are the vice presidents.

The second meeting of the Council of
Churches committee will meet this week, Fri-
day, May 21, at the St. John's Church. Repre-
sentatives from First Christian are Mr. Harry
Hiler, Mrs. David Hogg, Miss Elsie Keith and
Rev. Burgess.

Bark at the world and it will growl right
back at you.

"Dear God, always keep him safely,
Be with him both day and night—
Give him the strength to face the enemy,
Keep his pathway shining bright,
Let Thy Spirit always linger,
Let him know that you are there.
Tell him that I love him dearly,
And for him I send this prayer—
Father, drive away his sadness
Cause his troubles all to flee,
And when this bitter war is over,
Please, God, send him home to me."
—Exchange.

SUPERINTENDENT LEAVING FOR SERVICE

The Superintendent of our Church School,
Mr. Robert Clipp, will leave for Service with
the Armed Forces next Monday. He passed
his physical examination last week and will
report for active duty next Monday, May 24.
Bob is one of our young Elders. His services
in the church will be greatly missed. Bob has
always graciously accepted every responsi-
bility placed upon him. Few services has he
ever missed in attendance.

NEW STATE OFFICERS

At the State Convention in Kokomo this
week the following were elected for the com-
ing year. Rev. Ernest Harrold of West Creigh-
ton was elected a member of the Committee
on Recommendations of the International Con-
vention. Of the State Convention: Rev. G. F.
Powers, Nineveh, Pres.; Rev. Eugene May,
Gary, V. Pres., and Rev. A. N. Shockney, Port-
land, Sec.-Treas. Next year's convention will
be held at Anderson.

NEW FINANCE ARRANGEMENT

A new financial arrangement will be inau-
gurated at the church next Sunday. Instead of
the financial secretaries counting the morning
offering during the morning worship the office
secretary will care for the offering on Monday
morning. The church safe has been made
available for use.

By this new arrangement it will not be nec-
essary for the deacons to sit in the back seats
in the rear of the room but may sit with their
families in the pews as the offering will not
be received until after the communion service.

MRS. DORA IMBODY

Mrs. Dora Imbody passed away Wednes-
day night. The funeral will be held from the
home of her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Strout, 1924
Spy Run, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Mrs.
Imbody has been in bad health for the past
few years and the past several months has
been bed-fast.

Young People's Summer Conference
Lake Wawasee, June 13-19

Pioneer Camp at Camp McCormick
Spencer, Indiana, June 20-24



THE SCRIPTURE ON THE TITHE

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord."

"And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof."

"And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."—Lev. 27:30-32.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

"Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me even this whole nation."—Mal. 3:8, 9.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy, and faith; but these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone."—Matt. 23:23.

"WE WOULD SEE JESUS"

The Growing Church in India has about it a spirit that resembles that of the early days of Christ's ministry when persons walked for miles to meet Jesus.

Don McGavaran tells the story of five old men non-Christians, who turned up at a Christian Conference one morning. They had walked thirteen miles to ask the missionary to come to their village and baptize seven families. For two days they attended the conference faithfully and then they came again and said, "This is exactly what we want. We want this Lord Jesus whom you worship to come and live with us. This is like heaven."

The missionary visited the village a few days later and at the close of the meeting there baptized a group of 18 people. This was the ninth church in this area that is being pastored by A Growing Church Fund pastor.

NEW SCHOOLS OPENING IN AFRICA

Edna Poole, Bolenge, Africa

"Our station school has had a thirty-three per cent increase this year and all new students coming in are self supporting. We now have forty-six young men in the evangelistic training school. We have initiated two new school projects here on the station. One is the 'ecole Voyer' which comprises the 7th and 6th years' work for a number of our youngsters who have finished the other work and who are too young to teach. In other years this group has gone to the Catholic advanced schools. We are teaching the parent to watch his child's age and that there is a definite age for a child to start to school. Each weekend I send parents a report. Many of them don't comprehend but some do. And they are getting an impression of the importance of it all. We are also proving the 6-year-old girls are just as intelligent as 6-year-old boys. This is receiving a lot of comment.

We have organized two new Ecoles Centrales in the districts. One in the Ngomes and one in Lifumba. The one in Lifumba has already 140 pupils. It is staffed by ICC graduates and three Bolenge School graduates. This makes a total of eight of these district schools at present."

LOS NOGALES WORK OUTSTANDING

Recently the executive secretary of the Presbyterian Board and a missionary to China visited the work of Disciples in Mexico. They were most interested in the work that Miss Florine Cantrell has done in a rural community. They reported it as one of the most valuable and unique in the country and they are proposing to send to Mexico some nurses who would use the work that Miss Cantrell is carrying on as a pattern of service. Mr. Heugel in talking over the program with them assured them it would take more than nursing skill to accomplish what Miss Cantrell has done in that it requires also deep spiritual strength. This rural village where Miss Cantrell is giving her services in a pioneering way is the only one like it in the whole country.



MAKE ME A LAVISH SPENDER

A Prayer

Lord, make me a lavish spender!

Grant that I become reckless in dispensing good will.

May I never stop to reckon things up in giving away smiles and cheerful greetings and all other evidences of a merry and courageous heart.

Grant that I be recklessly generous in the times I place my hand on a brother's shoulder as a symbol of encouragement and faith.

Make me a prodigal indeed when it comes to scattering broadcast my appreciations.

Save me from hoarding my enthusiasms.

Enable me to spend lavishly of my time for another's need and of my hope for his despair.

Make me a miser only in hoarding my griefs, in holding fast to my disappointments, in keeping for myself alone my own doubts.

Grant unto me, my Lord, such faith in life, such love for people, and such certainty of thyself that I will freely spend all that I am upon the world about me.

In the name of him who shed abroad freely the light and power of his inner self. Amen.

—Percy R. Hayward.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The summer Young People's Conference for youth will be held at Oakwood Park, Lake Wawasee. It will be held June 13-19 and is for young peoples ages 15-24 years, or for any who have completed the first semester of the Freshman year in High School.

Some young people have already expressed their desire to attend. Those wishing to attend should consult their minister.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geller, 2613 Carew.

GUESTS SUNDAY

Mrs. Beatrice Allen Young, Toronto, Canada.
Mr. George Eagle Eyes Keeyes, Bobo, Montana.

Miss Grace Keiffer, 1109 Milton Street.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

The LaKoda Bible Class is sponsoring a Sunday Night Club. The first meeting was held at the house of the teacher, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 Webster St., Sunday night, May 16 from 7:30 to 10:30 with Miss Dorothy Hendry, William Trumbower and Juanita Rouch in charge.

The next meeting will be Sunday night, May 23 at the home of Mrs. Sigrist with Miss Elsie Keith and Miss Norma Young in charge.

This Club is open to all young people interested. Miss Thelma Trumbower is president of the group.

NEARING COMPLETION

The Emergency Million for Life and Work is nearing its goal. \$953,552 in pledges and cash have been received. \$736,174 had been paid in cash. 2,500 churches and 25,000 individuals are represented in the total plan now in hand.

Young People's Summer Conference
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PIONEER CAMP

A summer conference for Junior High boys and girls will be held this summer. The conference is called a "Pioneer Camp." It is for boys and girls from 12 to 14 years old. (youth under 12 not accepted.) Five boys or girls from any church may attend: the camp is limited to 90 students.

The Pioneer Camp will be held June 20-24 at McCormick's Creek State Park, Camp McCormick, Spencer, Indiana. Miss Anna M. Clark, our state director of Religious Education, will direct the camp.

The cost is \$7.00 per youth. Parents desiring to send their children to the Pioneer Camp should call the minister. Remember the ages are 12-14 years. June 20-24.

FLOWERS OF APPRECIATION

The beautiful altar flowers for the past two Sundays were presented by the De Molay Boys in appreciation of their attendance at morning worship on May 9. Thanks, young men!

BETHANY HELPERS

Mrs. L. A. Warren, County Representative for Bethany Helpers, makes an appeal for help for Bethany Park. Remember the Central and Southern Indiana Young People's conferences are held at Bethany Park near Indianapolis.

Practical articles that can be sold for reasonable prices are needed for the Gift Shop. Gifts should be brought or sent to the Annual Meeting of Bethany Helpers June 18.

Call Mrs. L. A. Warren, H-2947 for particulars.

TIDING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. Fern Teeple, 334 Greenwood

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Reverend E. W. Allen is a patient at the St. Joseph Hospital, room 209. His daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Young of Toronto, Canada, has been here for a visit with her father. Rev. Allen will undergo an operation tomorrow, Friday, May 21.

Mrs. George Barbier, 3116 South Calhoun, is ill at her home.

Miss Sarah Shroyer, 1509 Hurd St., has been a patient at the Lutheran Hospital this week but has now returned to her home.

Mrs. Rhoda Depottie who has been a patient at the Wayne Hospital for several months has returned to the home of Mrs. O. G. Schell, 3010 South Lafayette, and is able to receive visitors.

Pioneer Camp at Camp McCormick
Spencer, Indiana, June 20-24

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 A.M. Every Sunday

Minister Abroad Coming

Rev. Paul Kepple, First Christian's Minister Abroad, will visit with his home church the week of June 27 to July 4. He will preach at the morning service on Sunday, June 27, and probably on July 4.

Rev. and Mrs. Kepple and their three children have been in the States for nearly a year. Rev. Kepple has been engaged in the Emergency Million Crusade which ends June 30. At present the Kepples are visiting with Mr. Kepple's parents at Sarver, Pennsylvania. Their furlough in the States is almost completed and the family will come through Fort Wayne enroute to their Mission station in Mexico.

The missions committee, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, chairman, will act as host to the Kepples during their visit to his home church in Fort Wayne. Rev. Kepple is the Living Link Missionary of First Christian and is our Ambassador for Christ Abroad. We know the members of First Christian will enjoy the honor of having them in their homes during their visit here. We hope they can be with us for the two Sundays of June 27 and July 4 at least.

JUST MARRIED

Miss Pauline Childers, 2832 Abbott, to Corp. Donald E. Etzler, stationed at Rome, New York, at Richmond, Indiana, on May 10.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Mrs. Earl Ambler has returned from the St. Joseph Hospital to her home, 532 East DeWald.

Mr. Harold Pritchard was called to St. Louis Missouri, last week on account of the serious illness of his father, who is in a hospital there.

Rev. E. W. Allen is in room 209, St. Joseph Hospital. He underwent an operation on May 21.

OFF TO SERVICE

Robert E. Clipp reported for duty at Camp Perry, Ohio, last Monday, May 24. Pvt. Maurice Cook is in the services. His address is Hdq. Btr. 274, F.A.R.N., Camp Phillips, Salina, Kansas.

"Offered upon the Sacrifice and Service of your Faith." Phil. 2.17

Dear Christian Friend:

The above scripture indicates a rich Christian fellowship enjoyed by the members of this church. Such a fellowship involves a tremendous responsibility.

Paul said, "Yea, and if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you." Paul had joy in being offered up in sacrifice and service in behalf of the faith of his fellow Christians. In this service he rejoiced with the church.

Such a spirit still lives in missionaries, Christian workers, national and American, at home and around the world. Some have lost their lives, some are interned as prisoners of war, some have lost all their earthly possessions, some have had to endure long separations from their families some have been wounded, some have been hungry. These have been "offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith."

If they are willing to sacrifice and to serve because of our faith, we must be willing to assume the obligations that such faith imposes. If they have so heartily given of themselves, we must respond with unquestioning generosity of our means. Our share in this sacred fellowship calls for sacrificial gifts before June 30th. It is our way to keep faith.

Very sincerely yours,
Virgil Sly

Your Children's Day offering in the church school should justify their offering. The offering will be taken Sunday June 6. It should be \$125.00.

CONFESSION

The congregation was inspired last Sunday when one of our young men, Seaman Maurice Tracey, wearing the uniform of the Navy, came forward and took his stand for Christ at the close of the morning worship. Maurice is now stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois, and has just finished his basic training.

There are now three members of the Tracey family in the services. Kenneth is in Alaska, Wayne is at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and Maurice at Great Lakes.

AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

"Embajadores en nombre de cristo" are the words engraved on the cornerstone of the new home of the Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires. This new building increases the effectiveness of our evangelistic mission in South America at a time when evangelism is becoming the keynote of our mission work in that country.

Latin America is seen as one of the great mission fields of the world. 2% of the population is Protestant, but that small percentage is making the Bible a known book. Wherever the Protestant missionary has gone, he has placed beside his church a school, realizing that intelligent Christians could not be developed unless they were students of the Word of God.

THE DISCIPLES ARE AT WORK

In ten foreign fields—Africa, India, China, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, Argentina, and Paraguay, with a staff of 170 missionaries and 2,066 nationals.

In 235 organized churches, 1,347 places of regular meeting and 334 self-supporting churches with a total membership of 71,975.

In Christian healing in 10 hospitals and 18 dispensaries with a trained staff of doctors, nurses, and medical assistants who gave 538,858 treatments last year.

In Christian teaching in 413 schools with 14,811 students of which 242 are studying for the ministry and supervision of 32 mission schools now self-supporting.

WHAT TITHING DOES

Teaches the tither to "put first things first" by accepting the scriptural doctrine of (1) divine ownership; (2) man's stewardship; and (3) the translation of both into Christian service. "*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.*"

Gives the tither an enlarged vision, a willing hand, a liberal heart, and a closer partnership relation with Christ. "*The love of Christ constraineth us.*"

Creates within the tither's soul a growing appreciation of spiritual values, a spirit of liberality and an attitude of cheerfulness. "*The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.*"

Returns to the tither constantly growing spiritual dividends and material dividends, too. This is the universal testimony of tithers, born of experience. "*There is that scattereth and yet increaseth.*"

Cleanses the heart of the tither from selfishness, covetousness, self-satisfaction and self-centeredness, substituting for them the deirable satisfactions of life. "*Beware of covetousness.*" "*Freely ye have received, freely give.*"

Results in more careful spending of the other nine-tenths. Any tither will testify that after he has paid his tithe, Christ makes the remaining nine-tenths go farther than ten-tenths did in other days. "*Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?*"

Solves all financial problems easily, certainly more satisfactorily, than any other known method of finance, this because tithing converts the pocket book. "*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.*" "*The tithe is the Lord's.*"

BROTHERHOOD OBSERVES RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Under the leadership of the Department of Social Welfare and Rural Work, the churches of town and country will observe Rural Life Sunday. With 60% of our more than 8,000 churches located in town and country, it is extremely important that more attention be given to the rural church and to rural life in general. Many of the larger communions are making rural work an important item in their home missions program, in order to conserve the best country church.

Figures indicate that city churches are not reproducing themselves but are growing through the contributions of man and woman power made by the country churches whose members move into the cities. While city churches make some contribution to the ministry and missionary service, the town and country churches supply the bulk of our religious and community service workers. Hence the town and country church becomes the very seed-bed from which religious leadership is transplanted.

THE TONGUE

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak, can crush and kill," says the Greek.

"The tongue destroys a greater horde than does the sword," the Turk declares.

"A lengthy tongue—an early death," says the Persian.

"Though feet might slip, ne'er let the tongue," a Hebrew maxim.

"Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul," sacred writers say.

PRAYER FOR THE LAND

"We beseech, Thee, gracious Lord God, to remember Thy servants in all country places who labor to cultivate and make fertile the land. Give them in all times a patient and reverent devotion to their high calling. Strengthen them with hope to meet all the hazards trials and frustrations of war and weather. Bless their labor with fruitfulness. Refresh their toil with goodness.

"Almighty and loving Lord, who hast given for our use the kindly fruits of the earth that we may enjoy them, grant us, with minds that worship Thee, to realize our dependence upon these Thy gifts. Give us a deep sense of our stewardship. May we labor to cultivate the earth with hope and humility, with enterprise and energy, without grudging and without greed. Make us good neighbors to one another.

"Stir up in us a kindly management and understanding of all beasts and birds, domestic and wild, among whom we work, remembering that by Thy hand we and they and the whole earth were and are created."



*"Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature—
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of Spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*



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Easter	1.00
Hearthstone	1.55
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TIDING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, 521 West Berry
Street.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. H. J. Bishop, 2218 Thompson Avenue.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers last Sunday were
in memory of Mrs. Dora Imbody who passed
away last week.

Our Sympathy

The members of First Christian sympathize
and Miss Bertha Imbody in the passing of
with Mrs. Myrtle Strout, Mr. Harry Imbody,
their mother.

COUNCIL MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

The Ruth Circle Tuesday, June 1, Mrs. C. F.
Durfee, 1018 College St. Due to the difficulties
in transportation this Circle will not meet with
Mrs. Ray Moore of Cedarville, as was previously
planned.

The Rachel Circle, Tuesday, June 1, 2:00 P.M.
Mrs. Berlien, 2918 Bowser St.

The Naomi Circle, Wednesday, June 2, 2:00
P.M., Mrs. B. T. Brothers, 2310 Lynn Ave.

The Esther Circle, Wednesday, June 2, 2:15
P.M., Mrs. A. L. Haddox, 1117 Sinclair St.

The Martha Circle, Wednesday, June 2, 2:15
P.M., Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield.

FROM PASTOR TO CHAPLAIN

As most of the members of First Christian
are aware by now Rev. Burgess has received
a commission as chaplain in the U. S. Army.
He received his commission last Monday from
the War Department in Washington and took
his oath of Office at Baer Field the same after-
noon. He will report to the Chaplains' Train-
ing School at Harvard University on June 11.
His last Sunday with the church will be the
first Sunday in June. Rev. Burgess has ten-
dered me his resignation and the same will
be presented to the congregation next Sun-
day for acceptance.

HARRY HILER,
Chairman Official Board.

To Enter Seminary

One of our Timothy's, Joseph B. Fitch, will
graduate from Transylvania College, Lexing-
ton, Kentucky, on Monday, June 7, at 10:00
A.M. He will receive the A.B. degree. He
will then enter the College of the Bible to be-
gin work on his Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.)
degree. He is now preaching for the Bards-
town Church near Lexington.

GUESTS LAST SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kuckuck, and family,
Edon, Ohio.

Mrs. Clyde Farrington, Corunna, Indiana.

Mrs. F. W. Guup, Avilla, Indiana.

JUST ARRIVED

Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rousseau,
R. R. No. 6, Huntington Road, at Medical Cen-
ter Hospital, May 22.

BABY SUNDAY

The First Sunday in June will be Baby Sun-
day at church. The annual Rose Service for
babies will be observed. All babies who have
been born during the year will be presented
at the altar in the dedication services. The
service is a dedication of both parents and
babies. The parents pledging to raise their
children in the nurture and admonition of the
Lord, and to endeavor to set a Christian ex-
ample before their children in the home is
really a rededication of parent to the Christian
way of life.

This Baby Service is not to be confused
with infant baptism which is observed in
many churches. This is a service in which the
parents covenant to raise the child in the
Christian way. It is a time when parents re-
dedicate themselves to the sacred duty of
parenthood.

The superintendent of the Cradle Roll, will
present the children and their parents, and
give the parents a beautiful rose and a Cradle
Roll certificate.

Men have made machines and cities, but
only God can make a person.

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AU REVOIR!

Dear Friends:

Next Sunday will be my last Sunday with you as your Minister. I shall leave on Friday night, June 11, to enter the Services as a Chaplain in the Military Forces.

To you who have remained constant and loyal to us and the church during our ministry, Mrs. Burgess and I are deeply grateful. We shall ever remember with deepest tenderness and affection your constant thoughtfulness and encouragement at all times. Your kind words and deeds often helped to smooth the rough places and ease the heavy burdens. Neither time nor distance shall ever cause us to forget your tender mercies.

Sometimes the clouds seemed dark and the problems insurmountable but the consciousness of your loyalty and perseverance gave us strength and courage to go on.

During my ministry of almost five years it has been a great joy and privilege to receive into the membership of the church 208 persons, 95 by confession, and 113 by letter or statement. 154 couples have been united at the altar and I have stood 50 times with loved ones in their hour of sorrow.

I am leaving with the deepest regret that the dream of my ministry could not be realized, viz., the erection of the New Education Unit. It is, perhaps, First Christian's greatest tragedy that after more than six thousand dollars had been paid in cash and blue prints drawn, and many willing workers giving and praying, it was prevented of completion because of opposition and war priorities. Some day it must be accomplished if First Christian is to maintain its standing among the leading churches of the city. In fact First Christian will mark time, or lose ground, until it is accomplished.

Five years ago the physical aspects of the church property were in a bad state of repair. Save for the sanctuary they are in the best of condition. The brick exterior has been tuck pointed, art glass windows returned to factory and rebuilt, copper gutters, valleys, decks and ridgetrills built on, giving a pleasant appearance and preserving the building for years to come. And the mortgage has been reduced to \$2,500.00

We pray that those who have been faithful and loyal will continue to undergird the work of the church and him whom you choose to be your minister.

May God bless you!

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THE FRIENDS THAT LOVE US ALWAYS

The friends that love us always,
In the good times and the bad;
The friends that love us always
Are the friends that keep us glad.
The friends that cling in tempest
As they do in calms are those
That have made the paths of hardship
Seem the paths of song and rose.
The friends that love us always
When we go their way or not,
Are the friends that hearts remember
When the others are forgot.
The friends that stick the closest
When the trouble grows the worst;
The friends that love us always
Just the way they did at first.
They are crowning jewels
Of the coronets we weave
In the dreams of tender moments
When the troubles start to leave;
And we list their names forever
And we see their faces clear;
The friends that love us always
In the sun or shadows, dear.

—Baltimore Sun.

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ROSE SERVICE

The annual Rose Service for Babies will be held next Sunday. All babies whose names are on the Cradle Roll will be given a beautiful Rose and Cradle Roll Certificate by the superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, Mrs. A. O. Schell.

The Rose Service is for all babies who have been born during the year, or older ones who have never been presented on Baby Sunday.

The Rose Service is a service of dedication for both babies and parents. The parents pledging to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to endeavor to set a Christian example before their children in the home is really a rededication of parents to the Christian Way of Life.

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A SONG OF HAPPINESS

For the flowers that bloom about our feet;
For the tender grass so fresh and sweet
For the song of bird and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear and see,
Father in Heaven we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of blooming trees,
Father in Heaven we thank Thee!

INDIA AND THE THREE "R'S"

A little girl about ten years old lives in the village just behind our splendid girls' school, Sumankhetan, at Pendra Road, India. As she goes out with her father's cattle in the mornings, helps to carry water, or to do other tasks to help at home she often meets one of the missionaries or teachers of the school and always gives a cheerful greeting. But school is not for her.

While India is making progress in education, there are thousands of such children as this who sit at home, or work in the fields, who never go to school. Many families would like to send their children to school but do not have even the small fee to cover books and other supplies.

Disciples of Christ conduct two primary schools at Pendra Road—one in the Christian village, called Jyotipur, and the other in a Hindu village about two and a half miles out. In the first, with four teachers, there are from 55 to 60 pupils of all ages and sizes for some children are not able to start to school at the proper age. Before classes begin they all gather at the back of the school for a song. In class they sit on the floor and write on low desks or hold their slates on their knees.

In the Hindu village not one of the 40 children is Christian, but all receive Christian teaching as a part of their education. They can recite Bible verses as well as Christian children can. They also learn about personal cleanliness and then go home and teach their families.

Going to school in India is indeed a coveted experience.

JAMAICA SPEAKS

The Christian Churches of Jamaica, located in the eastern third of the island and comprising about thirty congregations with a membership of 3,500, are steadily growing and holding their own among church groups.

Like most churches, ours are feeling the effects of the war. The cutting down of speed and decrease in transportation facilities, due to the shortage of gas, oil and tires, has proved a blessing to us.

In the days when travel was easy, very few people would walk to church if they had no money to pay for a ride. In these days we walk without complaining.

More than ever we are realizing that there is no way out of the world's chaotic condition but through Christ, and that the church is a source of strength and inspiration for us.

BIBLE RECORDINGS

Great passages from the Bible have been made into phonograph recordings and are now being used by chaplains of both the army and navy. Among the recorded passages are Psalms 23, 46, 91, 121 and 139, with organ music in the background; the Sermon on the Mount, including the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer; and selected passages on the themes of: God's Love, Courage, God's Law, and God's Promises.

These records may also be used in many other ways—in Sunday school classes studying the rich and literary gems of the Bible, in weekday and vacation church school groups in similar study. Youth groups may use them in worship services. Churches in outlying districts, unable to have a minister, may use them in the morning service. Family groups and shut-ins will find them helpful and full of encouragement.



Children Are as the Dawn

The Dawn—A New Beginning! This present generation has not been strong enough. Old patterns of evil have not been changed sufficiently. Peoples still war—man still hates his brother. This generation has heard the words “love” and “hope” and “faith,” but they have remained only ideas with which to build ideals, ideals that did not stand on the sand foundations, lacking the validity of lives lived out sacrificially. We have not been strong enough to build a global Christianity. In our children the old hope is born again.

The Dawn—Only Comes to Him Who Is Awake! Even to our children, this new day may not dawn. Selfishness, intolerance and superstition—to get and not to give—may still be the dominant patterns in civilization. There must be a day when a generation of people walks the earth who are awake to the message of His life and death and resurrection—LOVE, not Hate and Power, shall rule mankind.

The Dawn—Is Forever! There is always dawn somewhere. Our goal is not impossible. Children are being born and will continue to be born, in whose hearts Christian mothers and fathers and teachers are planting the seed—the seed of God’s love which is eternal.

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Regular	\$ 69.64
Missions	6.30
Building Fund	4.45
Loose	11.17
Total	\$ 91.56

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, 1943

A—RECEIPTS—

Cash Balance—May 1, 1943	\$169.47
Regular	406.29
Missions	49.62
Loose	49.28
Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter	4.50
First Christian Tidings	1.50
Building Fund	11.15
	\$691.81

B—DISBURSEMENTS—

Salaries	\$403.00
Postage	5.50
First Christian Tidings	6.00
Utilities	11.61
Church Supplies	43.25
Unified Promotions	49.62
Pension Fund	22.02
Ministers Gas Allowance	5.00
Coal	73.85
Fire Insurance	17.50

Balance on hand June 1, 1943	\$637.35
	\$ 54.46
	\$691.81

C—UNPAID BILLS	NONE
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NEW MEMBERS

The members of First Christian were happy to witness the confession of two young men at the worship service last Sunday, Robert and William Shearer, 1815 West Main Street. They will be baptized before Rev. Burgess leaves.

ON OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. Arza Smith underwent a major operation at the Lutheran Hospital on Wednesday morning, June 2. She is in room 408.

The Baby Service is not to be confused with infant baptism which is observed in many churches. This is a service in which the parents covenant to raise the child in the Christian way. It is a time when parents rededicate themselves to the sacred duty of parenthood.

The superintendent of the Cradle Roll will present the children and their parents, and give the parents a beautiful rose and a Cradle Roll Certificate.

Our Cradle Roll:

David Arthur Kuckuck, Sharon Eileen Smith, Michael Lee Young, Orville Lawrence Sentman, Michael Robert Lighty, Teresa Lucille Eyers, Nancy Jane Altman, Rudolph Alexander, Linda Kay Broxon, Thomas Guy Spice, Thomas Karl Fountain, Susan Frances Rousseau, Gordon Wayne Meyers, Jeffery Clark, Mary Ann Mannan, Elaine Rousseau, Gary Dennis Leggett, Carol Joan Green, Dale Edward Craig, Tim O'Brian Donavon, Karen Lee Dill.

DR. LOWE COMING

Dr. Ephriam D. Lowe, State Secretary of Indianapolis, will meet with the Official Board, Friday night, June 4 (the day you receive this issue) to advise with the Board in the selection of a new minister for First Christian.

This is a very important meeting. Every member of the Board should be present.

WITH OUR SERVICE MEN

Pvt. Robert Clipp is at Camp Hood, Texas. His address is 484 Ordn. EVAC. Co., 310 Ordn. Br., Camp Hood, Texas.

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

On Thursday night, May 27, 1943, the Ordinance of Baptism was observed. Those baptized were:

Mrs. John C. Gerrard, 2620 Central Drive
Mrs. Romane Cole, 3115 South Wayne Ave.
Seaman Maurice Tracey, Great Lakes, Ill.
Johnnie Gaskill, 2214 Crescent Ave.

LAST SPECIAL DAY

The Church School observes four special Sundays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Children's Day. Next Sunday is the last special Sunday, Children's Day.

The Children's Day offering will be taken in the Church School next Sunday. Come prepared to share in a real Christian way in the Children's Day offering.

MEETINGS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dehl, 2055 Thompson, Friday night, June 4, at 8:00 P.M.

The Dorcas Club will meet at the home of Mrs. John Davis, 2946 Plaza Drive, Thursday, June 10, at 2:00 P.M.

The Official Board, Friday night, June 4, 8:00 P.M.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Morning Worship 10:30

O Come and let Us Worship Together!
Many people have a habit of attending church services every Sunday. Punctual, regular attendance at the morning worship service is one of the finest Christian characteristics that can be developed. We commend it most highly.

There are many people, however, who attend church worship only on special occasions, Christmas, Easter, Children's Day and the like. Many attended last Sunday, Mother's Day, in honor of their dearest earthly friend. Why not add to the list of special days for attending church worship that of Pentecost?

Pentecost is the day the church was given to humanity. It is a day worthy of commemoration. Let us honor the institution that has done so much for us, and all mankind, by attending its services next Sunday morning at 10:30. Your life will be happier and richer, you will feel better towards yourself and everybody else after you have attended the birthday services of your church next Sunday morning at 10:30.

On the first Pentecost they were "all together" "in one place." What a happy occasion it would be next Sunday, Pentecost, if all the members could be together in one place!

And when you come don't forget your special Birthday offering for the church. Your church needs your remembrance of it in your giving. But don't stay at home because you can't bring a special offering.

PENTECOST

Fifty Days After Easter

The Birthday of the Church

MY CHURCH

Before I was born, "MY CHURCH gave to my parents ideals of life, and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

"In childhood MY CHURCH joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ.

"MY CHURCH enriched my childhood with Romance and Religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my

soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths MY CHURCH taught became radiant, insistent and inescapable.

"In the stress and storm of adolescence MY CHURCH heard the urge of my soul and She guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

"When first my heart knew the strange awakening of love MY CHURCH taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; She sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

"When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, MY CHURCH drew me to the Friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning eternal and tearless."

"When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, MY CHURCH has believed in me and wooingly She has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

"Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and MY CHURCH is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

"MY CHURCH calls me to Her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help Her to do for others what She has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help Her keep aflame and aloft the Torch of a Living Faith."

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Louis A. Warren will be the guest speaker next Sunday morning. Dr. Warren is well known to the First Christian congregation, having spoken here upon many occasions.

We trust the members of the church will give Dr. Warren a good hearing.

GUEST SOLOIST

Mr. Maurice Souder will be the guest soloist at our service Sunday morning. His friends will want to hear him again. This past season he has been tenor soloist at the Plymouth Congregational Church. We are indeed fortunate Mr. Souder can be with us on this date.

AN EMERGENCY IN LOTUMBE

Mrs. Donald Baker writes of their return to the work in Lotumbe—

"We are back again in the land of aching joints and limbs and backs, and we spend a few hours each day at the hospital helping Lotumbe's only medical worker, Miss Alumbaugh, a nurse. Miss Alumbaugh was promised early in her missionary career that she would never be stationed alone without a doctor. Yet for the many years of her Congo service, she has needed to act in the capacity of a doctor, responsible for the lives of white and black in her station.

"Hardly had we arrived at Lotumbe, when a young lad of perhaps twelve years was brought in gasping with a big hole in his chest. It had been made by an arrow, shot at him by a class mate. Every breath was labored, since the left lung could be seen, collapsed, inside. Fortunately the heart escaped. He had a temperature of 104 degrees. Believe it or not, but we inserted a funnel into the chest cavity and put in sulfapyradine. Then dressed the wound and after a rest in bed for a few days, the temperature dropped, the wound healed and the lung expanded. And he returned home apparently well."

EARNING — SPENDING — GIVING

Earning as a Christian, I will acquire money in ways that do not harm but positively help my fellowmen.

Spending as a Christian, I will use my money for the developing of personality in myself and in my fellows. I will spend it to insure myself and them the means of physical sustenance and of spiritual growth.

Giving as a Christian, I will give for the development of personality of others and to promote their acquaintance with the religion of Jesus. I will give money to support persons who are devoting themselves to bringing about this acquaintance, and in the support of institutions through which the religion of Jesus is expressed and taught.

CONSERVING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

In the Newport News area, two housing units of 5,000 dwellings each have been built. It is estimated that 17,000 family units have come to this area. In calling with members of the church in the homes which were indicated as members of the Christian Church, they found several families from one small church in North Carolina, revealing that this church must be suffering severely while trying to keep going until the war is over and these families return. The Church in Newport News invited these families to join their church and enjoy the fellowship of the church, but continue giving to the home church in order that it might be kept alive until their return.

There are between 18 and 20 million people being moved out of their home communities to new communities not including the men of the armed forces. Naturally this means that many churches will suffer from depleted membership while industrial centers will be unable to handle the increasing population.

MISSION STUDIES FOR 1943-44

The mission study programs for 1943-44 will center around "The Church and America's People" and "Christian Ventures in Learning and Living."

The first six months the theme, "The Church and America's People," will seek to emphasize the place of the church in the bringing of unity out of the diversity of America's peoples. Two series of studies have been prepared: the first, "One Nation Under God," a series of programs; the second, "America, Indivisible," a discussion course.

The last six months of the year the course on "Christian Ventures in Learning and Living" will discover the projects through which Christian Missions make Christianity practical in all areas of life. For development of the study the department of Missionary Education offers two courses—"Learning for Living" a series of programs, and "Doors to Ampler Life" a discussion course.

As in former years these program materials may be procured by writing to the United Christian Missionary Society.



Pentecostal Hymn

*Pour down Thy Presence, Lord, in tongues of singing flame;
As once Thy Spirit came, send now Thy rushing Word.
As lightning seeks the rod, seek Thou the human soul;
Oh, make our hearts Thy goal—transfigure us, O God!*

*Transform this flesh and bone with thrusts of burning light,
As torches in the night make Thou Thy splendour known.
Oh, smite our doubting days, with Beauty as a sword—
Descend upon us, Lord, with Love's immortal blaze. . . .*

*O Maker of all men, O Builder of the world,
Now let Thy strength be hurled in wind and flame again.
As lightning to the rod so camest Thou of yore.
As Thou didst come before, O visit us, Lord God!*

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Offering Last Sunday

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Missions	12.99
Building Fund	4.90
Loose Offering	20.29
Easter	1.00
Total	\$142.64

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The downtown churches of Fort Wayne will hold a Vacation Bible School. The school will be held at the Plymouth Congregational Church, West Berry and Fairfield. The school will begin June 21 and continue until July 9. Pupils may attend between the ages of 4 and 14 years. The classes are for Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate grades. A free-will offering will be taken.

The director of the school is Mrs. Ralph Hare.

The participating churches are:

First Baptist
Westminister Presbyterian
First Presbyterian
First Methodist
Wayne Street Methodist
First Christian
St. John's Evangelical
Trinity Lutheran
Plymouth Congregational

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Miss Doris Jean Sweeney will leave Sunday afternoon, June 13, to attend Young People's Conference at Oakwood Park, Syracuse, Ind. This Conference convenes from the 13th to the 19th.

SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Soldiers Addresses

Will the parents of all the men in the Services please furnish the church office with the mailing address of their relatives in the Services. We wish to print the names of our Service Men on cards and place the same on the bulletin board in the narthex. Whenever any address is changed, if you will furnish us the new address we will make the correction on the Service Roll and thereby keep the congregation informed of the proper address. Will all parents and relatives please do us this favor. Since it is difficult to get the different letters and abbreviations over the phone will you please write the same on a post card and mail to the office.

Credit — Record

Several Sundays the financial secretaries have received pew envelopes in which were generous contributions but no name on the pew envelope.

If you use a **pew** envelope be sure to write your name on the envelope or you will not receive credit for your contribution.

Last Sunday a pew envelope was used and marked \$1.00 for Missions and \$1.00 for Building Fund with no name. On another Sunday \$7.00 was contributed in a pew envelope without a name.

When the quarterly statements are mailed out the first week in July, there will be some complaints because the secretary will not know to whom to credit the unmarked pew envelopes.

News and Meetings

Will the heads of all organizations please call and give to me the time and place of meetings of your groups.

I will appreciate anyone calling in any information relative to change of addresses, illness, birth, or other news for the First Christian Tidings.

Mrs. Richard Miller
Office Secretary

Guest's Last Sunday

Nathan D. Gill, 903 West Washington
Sherman Welch, 1114 Ewing
Mrs. James Keegan, 2532 Reed Street
Mr. & Mrs. John Donovan, 4011 Bluffton Rd.

Change of Address

Miss Joan Huff, 815 Nelson Street
Mrs. Kenneth Miller, 1445 East Lewis
Mr. Luther Eller, 8016 S. Throop, Chicago, Ill.

FIRST CHRISTIAN T I D I N G S

First Christian Church

Volume 5

Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 17, 1943.

Number 38

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

EVERY SUNDAY

"In this hour of worship
Grant Thy presence, Lord,
Here, the world forgotten,
Feed us on Thy word.
Of Thy love persuaded,
Here we seek release;
From our sins and sorrows
Find the path of peace."

DADDIES

I would rather be the daddy
Of a romping, roguish crew,
Of a bright-eyed chubby laddie
And a little girl or two,
That the monarch of a nation,
In his high and lofty seat,
Taking empty adoration
From the subjects at his feet.

I would rather own their kisses,
As at night to me they run,
Than to be the king who misses
All the simpler forms of fun.
When his dreary day is ending
He is dismally alone,
But when my sun is descending
There are joys for me to own.

He may ride to horns and drumming;
I must walk a quiet street,
But when once they see me coming
Then on joyous, flying feet
They come racing to me madly
And I catch them with a swing,
And I say it proudly, gladly,
That I'm happier than a king.

SAY, FELLOWS

Say, fellows, I want to tell you
I'd be as happy as a clam
If I was just the Daddie
That my laddie thinks I am.
He thinks I am a wonder
And believes his dear old Dad
Could never think of mixing
With mean things that are bad.
And sometimes I just sit and think
How nice it would be, gee whiz,
If I were just the Daddie
That my laddie thinks he is.

FATHER AND SON

Be more than his dad,
Be a chum to the lad;
Be a part of his life
Every hour of the day;
Find time to talk with him,
Take time to walk with him,
Share in his studies
And share in his play;
Take him to places,
To ball games and races,
Teach him the things
That you want him to know;
Don't live apart from him
Don't keep your heart from him,
Be his best comrade,
He's needing you so!

Never neglect him,
Though young, still respect him,
Hear his opinions
With patience and pride;
Show him his error,
But be not a terror,
Grim-visaged and fearful,
When he's at your side.
Know what his thoughts are,
Know what his sports are,
Know all his playmates,
It's easy to learn to;
Be such a father
That when troubles gather
You'll be the first one
For counsel he'll turn to.

You can inspire him
With courage, and fire him
Hot with ambition
For deeds that are good;
He'll not betray you
Nor illy repay you,
If you have taught him
The things that you should.
Father and son
Must in all things be one—
Partners in trouble
And comrades in Joy.
More than a dad
Was the best pal you had;
Be such a chum
As you knew, to your boy.

—Edgar A. Guest.

"I WILL SEE YOU AT McLEAN"

This is a frequent expression of young people of Puerto Rico. It refers to the McLean Conference Grounds, which have been made as beautiful as tropical trees, ferns and flowers will make it.

At the end of a conference, Mrs. Morton found one of the girls crying bitterly. She confided to Mrs. Morton that she did not want to go home but wanted to stay on at McLean. Mrs. Morton took her to the garden and gathered an armful of cuttings and plants and told her how to transplant them about her own house and the houses of her neighbors and friends, in this way she would find McLean's beauty growing in her own

dooryard. But the girl wanted more than this. She said, "It is not just that, it is the spirit of the place, the companionship, the unity of purpose which has dominated the entire group throughout the week."

Mrs. Morton told her that this too could be transplanted in her own community, school and church. The girl went away smiling. Weeks later Mrs. Morton saw her again and she said, "I have been trying to do what you told me, and life is so different from what it was before, or even what I dreamed it might be for me."

FIVE YEARS ALONE

Don MacGavron

"Charanee of Kukuzda became a Christian five years ago. He and his wife and four children lived among a bad lot of people. They lived better lives than their relatives and neighbors. They had been working constantly for the conversion of the rest of the little village of ten houses. Twenty times Charanee has walked in, a day's journey, to see me about people he was hopeful of. I have refused to take part in the village because it was too tough to handle if only a part of it decided to reform. Finally all but two families in the village decided to start the Christian life. Thanks to the Growing Church Fund we put a pastor there at once. The pastor is living in a tent in a daily temperature of 110 degrees, but the people are learning and worshipping and growing in the Christian way. Of the two who remain in idolatry one is being prepared for baptism. We are getting a pastor's house built. The first Christian baby has been

born and named Paul in an outdoor service of worship. A small chapel costing \$10.00 has been built. Fire from this village has started a new church in another village.

TOMORROW'S MISSIONARIES

Thirty young people have either been appointed as candidates for the foreign mission fields among the Disciples. All of these young people are completing their preparation in post graduate schools this year and will be sent out as soon as transportation is provided. Fifty-four more will be enlisted and trained before 1950. This will only make possible the immediate need of replacement and provide additional workers for positions that must be filled to keep the work intact.

A Hindu said to a Christian near Mungeli, India, about a year ago as famine conditions prevailed: "You Christians will not starve in this famine for there are Christians all over the world and they help one another."

WHAT IS THE PROPORTION?

There is no question but that the Old Testament law prescribed a tenth as the minimum for the ancient Jew. On top of that came offerings, and later on taxes, when Israel was a subject nation.

The Christian ideal is a higher one and more just. It is all comprehended in the New Testament direction: "*Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.*" Here is a standard that applies to every income, giving proportionately according to ability.

Every such a plan has to have a starting point. The Christian steward will ask whether the New Testament starting point ought not to be at least as high as the Old Testament stopping point. The proportion should increase as the income increases. Love is higher than law. Jesus said, "*Whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*"—Luke 14:33.

Tithing was in force in the early church. In the New Testament we read our Lord's own warning that tithes of mint and anise and cummin are no substitute for justice, mercy and faith. But we need to note the further comment: "*These ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone.*"



A MEDITATION

Through the long centuries of human history, there has been building a Beloved Community in which all souls that love, all souls that aspire, are bound together in one life.

Precious unto us are the names of heroes and leaders of the race who have toiled mightily in the service of the Beloved Community.

Precious unto us is the memory of unnumbered millions who humble and nameless the straight hard pathway have trod.

Precious unto us the earth's lowly who have added, each in his measure to the ever-growing treasures of the common life of man.

All these have not lived in vain.

They have put on immortality in the life of the Beloved Community.

They have joined the Choir Invisible whose music is the gladness of the world.

We too are members of the Beloved Community. A thousand unseen ties bind us in one living body apart from which there is no life.

We are joined in one communion of love and aspiration with all mankind, living and dead.

We too, have our gifts to bring to the altar of Humanity—gifts of love, of wisdom, of consecration.

We, too, would make our contribution to the unborn future, and find immortality in the radiant life of the Beloved Community.

We are strong with the strength of all mankind; the courage of Humanity's burden bearers of all the years descends upon us.

We are Thine, O Beloved Community! Take us, use us! Let our whole lives be an offering laid on thy living altar.

—Unitarian Church Service.



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First Christian Tidings.....	.50
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eller and daughter
have moved to Chicago. Their address is
8016 Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois.

CHANGE OF SERVICE

Beginning Sunday, July 4, there will be a
change in the time of the services on Sun-
day morning. Church School will start at
9:00 A. M. and Morning Worship, 10:00 A. M.,
closing at 11:30 A. M.

DR. LOWE—ELDERS

The Board of Elders will meet with Dr. E. D.
Lowe, State Secretary, of Indianapolis, Friday
evening, June 18, 8:00 P. M., at the church.
Please make an effort to be present.

A REMINDER

Vacation Bible School starts next Monday,
June 21, at the Plymouth Congregational
Church, West Berry and Fairfield.

Are your children planning to attend? They
should if they are between the ages of 4 and
14. Start them the first day so they won't
miss any of the good things the school has
to offer.

REV. KEPPLER COMING

Rev. Paul Kepple will be with us Sunday,
June 27. A pot luck dinner on that date is
being planned, with an informal reception in
the afternoon.

Keep the date open and plan to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the con-
gregation of First Christian Church immedi-
ately following the morning worship service
Sunday, June 20. It is very important to you
that **you** attend. Two persons will be se-
lected to serve as representatives on the
Pulpit Supply Committee.

A BOY AND HIS DAD

A boy and his dad on a fishing trip—
Oh, I envy them, as I see them there
Under the sky in the open air
For out of the old, old long ago
Come the summer days that I used to know,
When I learned life's truths from my father's
lips

As I shared the joy of his fishing trips
Builders of life's companionship!

GUEST SPEAKER

We will have as our guest speaker Sunday,
Rev. William Adams. Many of you will be
glad of the opportunity to again hear this
speaker. His subject will be "Fathers in a
Nation of Destiny."

ABOUT OUR SERVICE MEN

Mr. Cleo Halleck, 723 Madison, has re-
ported for service at the Great Lakes Training
Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Mrs. Halleck
is residing with Mrs. Lynn Miller, 1109 Milton
Street, whose husband is also in the service.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Mrs. James Whitbey fell and broke her
ankle. She is in the Lutheran Hospital,
Room 202.

Mrs. Arza Smith has returned to her home,
3113 Lillie Street.

NEW MEMBERS

The members of First Christian were happy
to have two people come forward on the last
Sunday that Rev. Burgess was with us. They
were Miss Nancy Drewett, 507 High Street,
and Mrs. Charles Hostman, 1815 West Main
Street.

BACK UP THE PREACHER

I want to underscore the suggestion that
we should give our preachers something be-
sides money and criticism. As a class they
deserve our hearty support. The future of
America is wrapped up in their successful
conduct of the churches. For the safety of
our children and properties we should thank,
not the policemen and the judges, but the
preachers and the priests. Shut up the
churches and America would crumble. Only
so long as we keep the churches and preach-
ers on the top will America continue to pro-
gress. Therefore, let us all regularly attend
church. Let us confer with the preacher on
our personal difficulties, make suggestions
freely and strive continually for the intro-
duction of better methods but do it in a
kindly and constructive manner.

Let us men give the churches more of our
time and intelligence as well as our money
and see if ways and means cannot be de-
vised to make the church function more effi-
ciently.

—Roger W. Babson.

TIDING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClure, 1122 Ewing
Street.

FIRST CHRISTIAN T I D I N G S

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

"There is no form of human endeavor by which so much can be accomplished as the worship of Almighty God.

"It is the organizing center of one's life.

"Here, appreciations well up which we have allowed to be choked out.

"Here, tides of love sweep up which the soul must have."

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

"God is not mocked . . ."

MY CHURCH

Deep in my heart I know that the Church is of God.

That in spite of human frailties she has brought blessings untold to all generations, including my own. That she has made my community and my country a better place in which to live, to work, to establish a home, and to rear my children. That I would not want to live or die in a land where no church spires point its people heavenward.

I also know that the Church continues to live triumphantly even when men and nations reflect her by indifference or open hostility.

In this knowledge I gladly give myself to my Church and offer her my loyal support by intelligent membership, regular attendance, generous giving, ardent prayer, and devoted service.

RESULTS OF MEETING

Mrs. Charles Dare and Mr. H. W. Sigrist were selected last Sunday to represent the congregation on the Pulpit Committee.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Knowledge without Character.
Business without Morality
Science without Humanity
Worship without Sacrifice
Pleasure without Conscience
Politics without Principle
Wealth without work.

"Regularity in church attendance is determined more by desire than by distance."

DURING JULY AND AUGUST

MORNING WORSHIP

10:00 A. M.

CHURCH SCHOOL

9:00 A. M.

And the hour shall be filled with music,

With song and praise and prayer,

And the burdens of life lifted,

For all who worship there.

THE KEPPLES ARE COMING

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kepple and children will be in Fort Wayne the week-end of June 25-27. Rex. Kepple will preach on Sunday morning, June 27th. Arrangements are being made whereby all the members can meet the Kepples to visit with them and become more intimately acquainted.

There will be a potluck dinner in the dining room immediately following the morning services. Table service is to be furnished by the church, so it will not be necessary for you to bring your own. An informal reception will be held in the afternoon. Every member should know personally our minister abroad.

Sunday, June 27th.

WHY GO ON A SLUMP EXCEPT IN SUMMER?

"The Lord is in His holy temple"—except in summer.

"I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy"—except in summer.

"How amiable are thy tabernacles"—except in summer.

"My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord"—except in summer.

"Let us put first things first. Let us come to the House of God and refresh our souls. Can we not give God this brief part of His day? How much happier we shall be if we will. All the rest of the day and the week will be different if we have been together in Divine Worship.

"O come, let us worship!"

COFFEE! COFFEE!!

Would there be three families who would be willing to donate or sell to the Church a pound of coffee??? Coffee is needed for the potluck dinner to be held at the church next Sunday. If you are not going to use your coffee stamp, why not call Mrs. Owen Vaught, H-50094, and any time Friday or Saturday morning so she can put it to good use.

● China Missionaries Interned

News of our three missionaries interned in China as of February 25, 1943, has been received indirectly. Information concerning internment conditions is very encouraging: "Single, widowed and other lone women and the married couples with and without children are to make their homes at the Great China University. There is a good bit of ground and country round about with only a barbed wire fence to shut out the view, so it won't be too bad. After our trunks are full we can wrap 12 twenty-pound packages for ourselves to be delivered by the International Red Cross. We will have doctors and a dentist."

The main problems are those of overcrowding, and the long hours of idleness for those who have been accustomed to very busy lives. However, it was expected they would have a good library of books, which would make possible regular study for groups or individuals according to their interests.

This word is very welcome to friends of the China Christian Mission.

● Communion Sets for Chaplains

The Committee on War Services for Disciples of Christ has undertaken a service to chaplains in which the churches of the brotherhood are cooperating—that is providing field communion sets. These sets consist of a cross, a tray containing 32 individual glasses, a chalice, a bread box, and two wine bottles. The cross, tray, chalice, and bread box are made of silver alloy. The equipment is packed in a metal reinforced box, lined in red plush, so that it may be used as a field worship center.

Already, local churches have provided sets for ninety-eight of our 300 chaplains in service and other churches are cooperating in an effort to secure sets for the remainder and for the additional 150 who expect to be in service by the end of 1943.

Earlier the Committee had presented individual communion sets to 94 Disciple chaplains, but this service had to be discontinued because the supply became exhausted and additional sets could not be manufactured under priority restrictions.

● Good Neighbors in Paraguay

Disciples of Christ have been 'good-neighboring' in education in Paraguay for more than twenty years. We have made progress, but the tiny path we have traced in the woods is, as yet, far from verging into a thoroughfare. That will take more years and more resources than we now command. But we are proud to see our young men and women standing head and shoulders above their fellows in mental, physical and moral stature, occupying important places in the professions, business, and cultural circles.

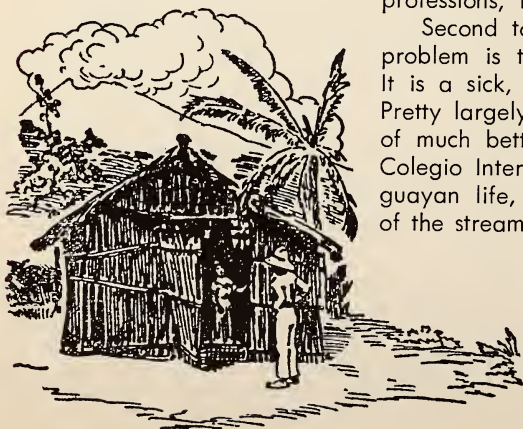
Second to her spiritual needs, Paraguay's chief problem is that of health; next comes education. It is a sick, undernourished people we have here. Pretty largely, too, an illiterate nation, but capable of much better response to her opportunities. Our Colegio Internacional is in the full current of Paraguayan life, and giving direction to a good part of the stream.

—M. L. Norment.

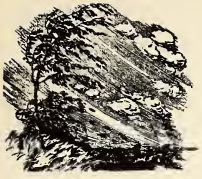
COLEGIO INTERNACIONAL,

Asuncion, Paraguay

Report for 1943—Total enrollment, 371: boys, 256, girls, 115. Boarding Department, 73: boys, 49, girls, 24. Missionaries on the field, 9.



A Conference Prayer



God of the mountains and hills, make me tall and strong;
Tall enough and strong enough to right some wrong.
God of the stars, make me steadfast and sure;
God of every lake and stream, flow through my life and make
it clean;
Let me do nothing base or mean.

God of the trees and woods, keep me fresh and pure;
God of the rain, wash from my life all dirt and stain;
Pure and strong let me remain.

God of the seed and soil, plant in my heart thy love;
God of the changing clouds and skies, keep me
looking above.
God of the darkness and day, through shadows or
light, be my stay.
Guide thou my way.



God of the radiant sun, light thou my life;
God of the glorious dawn, make each day a fresh
start.

God of the evening peace and quiet, keep me free from fear and strife.
God of the gay, free birds sing in my heart.



God of the surging waves and sea, wide horizons give to me;
Help me to see the world as thou wouldst have it be;
God of the lovely rose, make me lovely too;
God of the morning dew, each day my faith renew;
God of all growing things, keep me growing too.

—George Earle Owen

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GUESTS LAST SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crabill and daughter,
from Monroeville, Indiana.

Miss Casselman, Monroeville, Indiana.

BOOKS ARE KEYS

Books are keys to wisdom's treasure;

Books are gates to lands of pleasure;

Books are paths that upward lead;

Books are friends—come, let us read.

The Library has sent to the Church some copies of summer reading lists for children. They thought that if the workers in this church knew about these lists, they might find them very helpful.

The Children's Department of the Library is co-operating as fully as possible with the various social service agencies working with families where there are children. Books are very good character builders, for both the children and the parents or Church School Teachers. If you would desire one of these lists you may secure it from the Church office.

Many a Church will begin to thrive when it eliminates gossip as an indoor sport.

He who has conferred a kindness should be silent; he who has received one should speak of it.

When your face is toward the sunshine, the shadows fall behind you.

I will let no man drag me down so low as to make me hate him.

"You are writing a gospel,

A chapter a day,

By the deeds that you do,

By the words that you say;

Men read what you write,

Though it be false or true,

Say! What is the Gospel

According to you?"

LAST ISSUE

With this issue the Tidings bids you goodbye until September. Your paper wishes you a pleasant summer and a happy vacation season. It hopes that you attend morning worship every Sunday morning during the summer months wherever you may be.

While your church paper, The Tidings, is on vacation, and while you are on vacation your church will **not** be on vacation. Service will be held each Sunday morning during July and August as usual, except on abridged schedule. And while we cannot bring to you weekly the challenge to loyalty, attendance and support of your church, we know you will not be indifferent and forget your church. The real Christian will always be loyal and loving. So come to worship each Sunday morning at 10:00. (Remember the hour).

Thanks for inviting me to your home and reading me these past several months, and I'll be seein' you in the Fall. 'Till then don't fail to attend church every Sunday morning.

Sincerely yours,

Your Church Paper,
THE TIDINGS.

RECIPE FOR LIFE

To a sound body add
Two eyesful of vision,
One headful of ideas.
Blend a pound of purpose,
A peck of perseverance,
A dash of courage,
A cup of suffering,
A full measure of understanding,
A heap of loving,
Patience plenty,
And humor, at least a grain.

Spice with variety,
Sweeten with sympathy,
Salt well with sense.
Stir with activity,
Heat with intense passion,
Cool with calm confidence,
Use until gone.

—Galen Lee Rose.

THE WAY

Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul,
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;

While he who walks in love may wander far,
But God will bring him where the Blessed are.

—Henry Van Dyke.

IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

It seems but yesterday he fell,

I kissed his head to make it well—

He smiled and left me for his play,

It seems but yesterday.

And now a soldier, stern and bold,

My laddie with the curls of gold—

He smiled and left me for the fray,

It was but yesterday.

O God, who knows how dear to me

My laddie is—his guardian be—

Keep him the man, I humbly pray,

That he was but yesterday.

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

And the hour shall be filled with music,
With song and praise and prayer,
And the burdens of life lifted,
For all who worship there.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. E. F. Franklin, Superintendent of the Methodist Hospital, will be our guest speaker at the morning service, Sunday, September 12.

SERVICE HONOR ROLL

It is our desire to make the Service Honor Roll as up to date as possible. To enable us to do this it is necessary that we have the full cooperation of everyone. If you know of anyone who is a member of this Church or is the husband or son of one of our Church members, whose name is not included on our Honor Roll, please call or write the Church office so any additions can be made.

It has been suggested that it would be beneficial to the Church to have the complete address of all service men and women from this church, so that we may publish these addresses in the First Christian Tidings in the near future. It is not only our desire to send the Tidings to our service men but through this medium it would keep their friends advised of their location. Therefore we urge everyone to contact the office immediately and give these addresses to the church secretary.

TIDINGS SUBSCRIPTION

Frank Frame, R. R. No. 6.

JUST ARRIVED

A daughter, Linda Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams, 611 West Washington, August 2.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING

The Progressive Class will hold their annual Homecoming at Foster Park, Sunday, September 12, in the small pavilion. There will be a basket dinner at 1:30 P. M.

Bring your own table service and sufficient food for your family. Coffee will be furnished. All friends of the class are invited.

Vacation time is over. Children are again back in school, and the fall and winter seasons are just ahead. Much has happened since the last issue of The Tidings was published, and many things must be done in the future.

First Christian has wonderful opportunities ahead, and she will not fail to meet the challenge of the day. However these challenges can be met by the church only as they are met by each member individually, for only by each individual doing his or her part can any collective success be made.

Because of the strain of all out war production in our factories many people cannot attend church as frequently as they would like to. Still others use work as an excuse to be absent from the Lord's Table on Sunday morning. It is true that when people work long and tiresome hours they need rest, but where is there a better place to forget the cares of everyday life than in the church service. If the service of the church was ever needed, it is now, and only by taking part in the Services can the fullest realization of the value of the church be obtained.

First Christian can enjoy a most enviable place in the life and progress of Fort Wayne. It is centrally located and can be easily reached by public transportation, and because of the fact that it is so located it is one of the better known churches of the city.

The fact that the church is temporarily without a minister, makes it more important that we be present at the services whenever it is possible for us to do so. The guest speakers who are invited to speak at the Sunday Morning Services are all fine men, and they bring to us worthwhile messages, which merit a full attendance at each service. The only way in which we can show genuine gratitude to these men, is to fill the church every Sunday. As the fall and winter seasons approach let us look to the future with renewed confidence, and with a determination to make this coming winter an outstanding period in our church life, remembering that Christianity is rationed only as we ration it to ourselves, and that unless we take advantage of every opportunity to attend and support the church, we may some day find it a bit more difficult to maintain our citizenship in The Kingdom of God.

DEADLINE

The First Christian Tidings will go to press Tuesday afternoon, so that it will be in the mail on Thursday. All announcements must be in the Church office **not later than Tuesday noon.**

● Birthday for Nanking University

The University of Nanking, one of China's largest universities, a Christian school, celebrated its 55th anniversary in April, 1943, as a refugee in West China. This important institution was formed through the union of three small mission colleges, one of which was our Christian College begun by Mr. F. E. Meigs soon after our first missionaries entered China. The school of medicine on the home campus in Nanking was the outgrowth of the hospital begun by Dr. Macklin, our first missionary to China.

After fifty years in Nanking, the University was forced to flee to the West in front of the invading Japanese army in 1937. About 600 men, women and children, including the families of staff members, began the 2500-mile trip overland, travelling by boat, cart, and on foot. Classes were reopened in March, 1938, in a laundry building of West China Union University in Chengtu.

Most of the 3000 students today are insufficiently fed and poorly clothed, are crowded into makeshift quarters, and undergo frequent bombings, but the enrollment is larger than before the war and thousands must be refused each year.

● Christian Education in the Home

The division of Christian education of the United Christian Missionary Society is taking steps to help curb the growing trend toward juvenile delinquency, by starting a nation-wide, ten-point program of education in the home.

Such activities as these will be suggested: grace at meals, regular Bible reading and prayer in family groups, subscribing to and using a church paper, planning together in family council, regular attendance at Sunday school and church, financial support of Christian work at home and abroad, enlisting and helping others in similar activities.

The American home is the basic social unit of our national life. Through it the ideals and values of a worthy Christian society are developed and perpetuated, and it is the task of the parents to provide for their children the stability and security of genuine Christian family fellowship in home and church.

It is the task of the church to find a way to help bewildered, and sometimes indifferent and unaware parents.

● Which Comes First in Your Budget?

Luxuries—for selfish people.

Pleasures and pastimes—for thoughtless people.

Clothes—for the vain.

Improvement of self and position—for the ambitious.

Provision for the daily need—for those who lack faith.

Home and family—for the average person.

For all these we may provide, but should they come first?

The life of the spirit—for those who seek salvation.

The world causes of Christ—for those who have heard the Master's call and desire to make His Gospel known in all the world.

The Kingdom of God—for those who are anxious to make the rule of God effective for all.

The Christian steward puts first things first in his budget. Without them all other provisions are vain.





Prayer Changes Life

The man who honestly prays, "Our Father," will find a new way of life.

This will mean the crossing of frontiers—socially, racially, economically, nationally.

No longer will he live for the exploitation of the weaker, the younger, the friendless.

No longer will he see himself as "master" or "servant," but brother.

He will know what it is to let Christ live in him.

IF I HAD TIME

If I had the time to find a place
 And sit me down full face to face
 With my better self, that cannot show
 In my daily life that rushes so—
 It might be then I should see my soul
 Was stumbling still toward the shining goal,
 I might be nerved by thought sublime,—
 If I had the time.

PRAYER

O Love that passeth knowledge, come into my heart with all thy fulness, that my heart may be made gentle with Thy gentleness. Grant me to bear another's burdens that I may cease to live for myself. Come Thou in, that I may live for others. Let me share with Thee in the bearing of the sin and sorrow of the vast world; let me take up the cross of the laboring and the heavy-laden. Fill me with Thyself that I may become the brother of humanity. Amen.

WHAT TO BRING TO CHURCH

A prayerful heart.
An open mind.
A quiet spirit.
Your co-operation.
Your highest intelligence.
Your pledge envelope with offering.
Love for God and fellowman.
Enthusiasm.
Tolerance.
Your best self.

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Building Fund45
Loose Offering	5.10
First Christian Tidings50
Thanksgiving50
Christmas50
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	\$53.00

THE NATION'S PULSE

Many things do not constitute a wrong in themselves until they displace something of greater value. Many Sunday amusements are morally legitimate but if they keep us from Church they do us a moral injury. The Church is the pulse of national righteousness. It means hospitals, colleges, civic organizations and national government; it means increased real estate values, better schools, cleaner politics, purer social life; it means law and order and respect for those ideals that make a nation great; it means the reformation of individual life; it is the voice of and mind.

God in the midst of the people, calling them up and on. There is danger of that voice being silenced with the clatter of our materialism. Think of all the Church has done, of all it means today, and then give its sacred influences first place in your heart

RUMMAGE! RUMMAGE! RUMMAGE!

The Womans Council will conduct another rummage sale on September 16, 17, & 18th, at 1421 So. Calhoun Street. Select any clothing that you care to contribute, newspapers and string and bring them to the sale. Mrs. Leo Blair is chairman of this project.

WHAT TO LEAVE AT THE CHURCH

Your sins — leave them with God.
Your pride — put on humility.
Your selfishness — take the Cross.
Your sorrows — take His joy.
Your discouragements—take His courage.
Your fears — take faith.
Your loneliness — take Jesus with you.
Your will — take His will.

SECOND THOUGHT

Sometimes I think I'd like to be
Some other thing than what I am.
Perhaps I'd like to be a tree,
For it is hard to be a man.
A man has cares and griefs and woes
Not in the lives of plant and beast.
A man has pain and wounds and foes
That do not touch them in the least.

The song birds carol in the trees;
The squirrels canter here and there;
The trees are hosts to all of these,
But man alone is bowed with care.
The fox, the wolf and water fowl,
And all their kind can roam at will,
While man must bear his somber cowl
And labor up life's rugged hill.

On second thought, I bow with shame
That I should have such thoughts as these,
For after all the cares and pain
Man's far above the beasts and trees.
He has the power to feel, to know
The kindly touch of loving friends
And though he faces joy or woe,
There is a God that stands his ends.

W. W. GIBBANY.

As you go from church: Witness for the Christ in life, in speech, and in attitude. If you will do these things you will like to come to church.

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

EVERY SUNDAY

"In this hour of worship
Grant Thy presence, Lord,
Here, the world forgotten,
Feed us on Thy word.
Of Thy love persuaded,
Here we seek release;
From our sins and sorrows
Find the path of peace."

OUR OBLIGATION

"We've had a lot of fun here tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and now, if you'll permit me, I'd like to say something a bit more serious. Here in Los Angeles a few days ago, we had a rather disturbing windstorm. I was walking along Sunset Boulevard at the time, and with the other pedestrians, I ran for cover as the gale swept down. There were a number of stores nearby, but something guided me toward a building across the street. I stood there in the archway several minutes, I guess, before I realized where I was. I had taken refuge in the doorway of a church — and it set me thinking. This world today is going through something far more threatening than a windstorm. Every single one of us needs refuge of one kind or another. And I know of no better place to go for it than a church. Y'know, the church must be a very strong and righteous thing — for it has survived every enemy it ever had! And the book which embodies the principles of the church — the Bible — is still at the top of the best-seller list. We are extremely fortunate to live in a country where we can worship as we please, when we please. Let's make the most of this blessing. Go to church . . . whatever your race or creed . . . you'll meet old friends . . . and make new ones. The greatest calamity that can befall a people is the loss of religion. Don't let it happen here. Go to Church."

—EDDIE CANTOR.

CHOIR STARTS NEW SEASON

The choir has resumed its rehearsals after a summer vacation. They have prepared an anthem which they will present as their contribution to next Sunday's program.

The Choir director has expressed the hope that more people will come out for rehearsals which are held at 7:30 p. m. each Thursday evening at the Church.

A CHRISTIAN IS

A **mind** through which Christ thinks,
A **heart** through which Christ loves,
A **voice** through which Christ speaks,
A **hand** through which Christ helps,
A **life** through which Christ lives.

"The world needs more than triumphs,
More than all the swords we've drawn;
It is hungering for the person
Who keeps cheering someone on."

"Create one thing of beauty before you die—
Release one perfect message from your soul"

"It, beauty, cannot be taught like other subjects, but after much communing and constant intercourse with the thing itself, suddenly like a flame kindled from a running fire, it is born in the soul, and henceforth nourishes itself."

PLATO.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Louis A. Warren from Lincoln National Life, will be our guest speaker next Sunday, September 19.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Mrs. Beatrice Michaels is a patient in the Lutheran Hospital, Room 156.

Mrs. Eva Mosier is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Room 302.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The regular Meeting of the Woman's Council will be held next Tuesday, September 21, in the social rooms.

Executive meeting at 1:00 o'clock, with program following.

Devotions, Rachel Circle.

Speaker, Miss Carrie Snively "Men's Service Clubs".

Music to be furnished by Mrs. George Krall.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Members of the choir wish to thank the Woman's Council for the splendid job that was done in cleaning their collars and robes. The committee in charge of this project was Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Chairman, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, and Mrs. J. C. Koegel.

this is a **Victory Church**

**Between Pentecost and September 30,
this Church will endeavor to relate
all of its Members - who have moved
to other Communities - to the Church
in their New Location ...**

● GOSPELS FOR MEXICO

Have you heard of the Gospel Crusade that is being conducted in Mexico this year? It is a campaign which has for its goal the placing of a gospel in each home in all of Mexico.

At the beginning of the year our little rural church in Nogales decided to do its part in blitzkrieg style. We had 1000 gospels, and the whole county of Jerez for our territory. We sketched maps, studied villages, prayed, chose partners. Then on one Saturday each mounted his mule, horse, or burro and started out.

By Sunday evening everyone was back, with joyful news for the most part. Some of the people refused to accept the gospels, some tore them up and threw them in the face of the messenger, and many received them gladly. But the most joyful people were those who had gone out as messengers. Even yet they feel the influence of this experience.

We are not yet finished with the job, and some day soon we will make another advance.—Florine Cantrell, Missionary.

● VICTORY CHURCH CAMPAIGN JUNE 13 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1943

An estimated 300,000 members of Christian Churches in the United States have moved from their home communities into industrial areas. If 25% (an optimistic figure) have identified themselves with churches in the new communities, there are still 225,000 members now unrelated to the church—more than five times the total baptisms reported last year.

These were elders, deacons, Sunday school teachers, missionary society leaders, regular contributors, steady church goers.

With 60,000,000 **unchurched** in our land, will 225,000 members of our churches be added to that host simply because they have moved from one community to another?

The Victory Church Conservation Campaign is a movement for unusual effort among our churches to conserve these people for the Church.

● MISSIONARIES ARE GOING

Enroute to India are Miss Anna Bender and Miss Ruth Mitchell, missionary nurses, who have been on extended furlough in the United States because of the war. It has been most difficult to secure accommodations but, because of the acute need for nurses in India, these have been granted permission to sail.

Enroute to West China are Mrs. Edna Gish and Miss Margaret Lawrence, both former missionaries in that part of China now occupied by the Japanese army. They go now to Free China, the far western provinces to which millions of people from Shanghai, Nanking and other eastern cities have fled since the invasion. Their work will be especially among the refugees, and the victims of the widespread famine.

Others will be going before the summer is over: Mr. and Mrs. George Earle Owen, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Liggett, newly appointed missionaries to Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Our Country

That land is great which knows the Lord,
 Whose songs are guided by His word;
 Where justice rules 'twixt man and man,
 Where love controls in art and plan;
 Where, breathing in his native air,
 Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer—
 Thus may our country, good and great,
 Be God's delight—man's best estate.

—Alexander Blackburn

AMERICA FIRST!

Not merely in matters material, but in things of the spirit.
 Not merely in science, inventions, motors and skyscrapers, but also in ideals, principles,
 character.
 Not merely in the assumption of rights, but in the glad assumption of duties.
 Not flaunting her strength as a giant, but bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded
 world like a Good Samaritan.
 . . . America First!

—G. Ashton Oldham



WITH OUR ARMED FORCES

Following is a list of people from First Christian who are serving in the armed forces.

Doyle Bennett
 Jack Binkley
 H. J. Bishop
 Richard Borgmann
 Edward R. Brolin
 William Broom
 Paul Broxon
 Rev. S. J. Burgess
 Herschel Case
 Nathan R. Chaney
 Harold Childers
 Homer L. Clendenen
 John R. Clendenen
 Walter C. Clendenen
 Robert Clipp
 Maurice Cook
 Robert J. Craig
 Edward Cremer
 Robert D. Cruse
 Jess Dehl
 Lois Drewett
 Richard W. Drewett
 Robert Ellison
 Galen D. Feafel
 Raymond E. Finton
 Robert D. Finton
 Kenneth Ford, Jr.
 Cleo Halleck
 James W. Hirschy
 Thomas Hirschy
 Philip R. Horn
 Wayne W. Imbody
 Billy Howard
 Clinton H. Keith
 George H. Koegel
 James C. Koegel
 Henry P. Kolkman
 Malvin J. Leykauf
 Carl B. Meredith
 Lynn M. Miller
 William R. Miller
 Merle F. Morkoetter
 Flody Morrical
 Ralph O'Dell
 Dale Perkins
 Dean D. Reese
 Verne Rodiger
 Kenneth Schell
 Jay W. Shively
 Maurice E. Siples
 Richard A. Smith
 Gale L. Spitler
 Homer H. Stevenson
 Richards Teeters
 Hubert A. Tharp
 Kenneth L. Tracey
 Maurice Tracey
 Wayne Tracey
 Richard Varner
 Thomas A. Watson
 Russell Wilkin
 Hugh Wilson

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Regular	\$ 55.43
Missions	6.75
Building Fund55
Loose Offering	7.17
First Christian Tidings	1.00
Gift for Nursery Project	30.00
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	\$100.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1943 RECEIPTS

Cash balance August 1	\$196.45
Regular offering	438.08
Missions	54.89
Loose Offering	48.15
Building Fund	13.25
Emergency Thousand	10.00
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Total	\$760.82

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$305.00
Postage	8.00
Office and Church Supplies	26.60
First Christian Tidings	17.50
Utilities	11.01
Unified Promotions	42.98
Fire Insurance	51.84
Story Tax	19.00
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	\$481.93
Cash Balance, Sept. 1, 1943.....	278.89
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	\$760.82

JUST ARRIVED

A daughter, Rita Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tracey, 4131 Warsaw, August 27.

TIDINGS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. C. E. Cremer, 2828 South Clinton St.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers, Grover Hill,
 Ohio.

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Morning Worship

10:30

Every Sunday

And the hour shall be filled with music,
With song and praise and prayer,
And the burdens of life lifted,
For all who worship there.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Louis A. Warren from Lincoln National Life, will be our guest speaker next Sunday, October 3, 1943.

Lord's Supper

October 3 Universal Communion Sunday.

"Have you neglected this privilege? Let us come and partake of the sacred feast, 'In Remembrance of Him'. It will sustain our Spirits amid the sufferings and sorrows so many of us are experiencing now."

Excerpts from F. W. Burnham's Article "Observance of the Communion" in the Christian Evangelist.

Christian Endeavor

Christian Endeavor will meet Sunday evening, 6:30 P. M., at the Church. All young people are invited to this first fall meeting.

Results

Mr. Walter Birkhold and Mr. Joe Fitch were selected by the congregation to serve on the nominating committee. They together with Mr. Owen Vaught and Mr. Chester Follis, who were selected by the Board, will select a fifth member, which will comprise the nominating committee.

Shoes

Several people have already donated to the fund for shoes for the children at the Cleveland Home. If you want to help in this worthy project, please see Mrs. A. O. Schell.

Go-To-Church Month

October is **Go-To-Church** month throughout America. The church bells from thousands of steeples are again calling worshippers to the house of God. America is what it is, America is great, America is free because of it's churches. Every high and noble ideal written into the body politic of our people has been inspired by the church. Americanism will never die as long as loyal and loving people keep the Light of the Church, glowing in the darkened world. Go To Church Every Sunday During October.

Already there have been bombed in England several thousand churches and one-third of them completely destroyed. Think of this when you are tempted to stay away from church. You have a privilege many people today do not have. Why not enjoy the privilege! The privilege of attending worship in the house of God. America is one of the remaining places on the globe where men can worship as they please, then why not please to worship.

Annual Harvest Ingathering

for the Emily Flynn Home at Marion will be during the month of October, culminating on the last Sunday in the month, after which all gifts will be delivered to the Home.

The gifts should be unperishable foods or money, and either will be gratefully received and appreciated.

The committee — Mrs. C. F. Durfee and Mrs. Owen Vaught.

October 19, General Council Day

Mrs. A. L. Haddox will give a book review in the afternoon. Many of you know how well Mrs. Haddox can give a book review.

Remember the date.

Come and bring your friends.

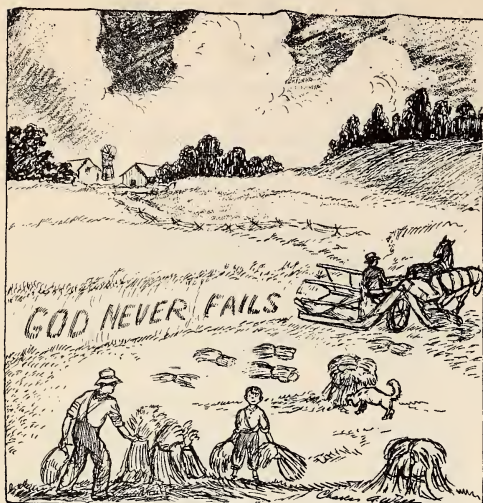
Let us give her a good audience.

Luncheon

The Ruth Circle will serve a public luncheon Tuesday, October 5, at the Church, from 11:30 to 1:00. Have your reservations in by Saturday, October 2. Call Mrs. Leo Miller, H-76119 or Mrs. J. C. Koegel, A-79025.

World Communion Sunday, October 3.

World Communion Sunday, October 3.



—Chas. A. Wells.

● Song of the Harvest

Harvest days have unusual significance this year when it seems that all the normal things of life have been stopped by war, and the world has become filled with starving children. The dancing yellow fields tell us that the misery, hunger, and suffering in the world are not due to God's failure, but to man's. God's laws are still working.

The bending boughs of fruit, the sheaves of grain are proof that if men would live according to God's laws, there would need be no hunger or want. Even drought and flood are usually due to man's neglect and irreverence for nature's resources. If man would forsake his loathsome lust for power, his selfishness and the oppression of his fellow men, and in

humble repentance accept the laws of God, how rich and sweet life would soon be.

Countless lush and fragrant valleys today bear witness to God's unfailing goodness and love, answering the bitter testimony of cities filled with the blackness, hunger and misery that man's sinfulness has created.

● World Wide Communion

In these days of war, when there is so much dividing men and nations, Christians must maintain an unbroken and unbreakable fellowship.

On World Wide Communion Sunday, followers of Christ everywhere, in army camps and naval bases, on shipboard, in churches large and small, in the homeland and overseas, bear witness to this fellowship. The world-wide observance of the Lord's Supper will cross frontiers of race, break through barriers of prejudice, and rise above the clash of nations.

In obedience to Him who said, "This do in remembrance of me," all who love Christ are called to gather about their Lord's table and re-commit themselves to the unfinished task of His Eternal Kingdom.

● "What Is That in Thy Hand?"

To Moses it seemed but the staff that kept him daily company but, with God as his partner, that staff became an instrument mightier than any he could have asked or dreamed.

To you it may seem, at first thought, but a coin. But it is a part of your life. You have worked and given of your energy for that coin. With God as your partner, that coin gives you power beyond the dreams of man — power to help shape the world of tomorrow, through the Church, established by His Son, our Savior.

The picture, "The Last Supper" by Zimmerman, is by courtesy of Gramstorff Bros., Inc., Malden, Mass.

World Wide Communion Sunday

A PRAYER

GOD, WHO didst send Thy Son into the world for our salvation, we gather about this communion table, spread with its holy emblems, to remember Him who never forgets us. We thank Thee that here we may sense the unity of our fellowship with Christians of every land. Remember in mercy Thy children as they gather about the Lord's Table on this World Wide Communion Sunday.

WE COMMEND to Thy care and keeping our loved ones, especially those who are absent from us in our country's service. May this memorial of our Lord's redemptive love remind us of our oneness in Christ, and that "though sundered far, by faith we meet, around one common mercy seat." Grant that in these dark days of separation and suffering they and we may be found faithful to Him who loved us, and gave himself for us.

WE PRAY for the Church. Bestow upon her a greater responsiveness to duty, a swifter compassion for the needy everywhere. Teach her how to save her own life by losing it in courageous, unselfish service to all humanity. Unite her scattered people in an unbreakable fellowship ever to bear witness to Thy love and power in Christ, our Lord.

HASTEN the day, O Lord, when war shall cease and a just and enduring peace shall come to this prodigal world. We pray in name of Him "Who taketh away the sin of the world," even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Offering Last Sunday

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Building Fund30
Loose Offering	9.72
Tidings	6.50
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	\$149.42

Tidings Subscriptions

Mrs. Florence Conde, 802 West Berry St.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lynn, 3707 South Wayne,
Ave.

Mrs. W. L. Hilbish, 328 West Butler St.
Mrs. Louise Nichols, 714 Van Buren
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Mr. and Mrs. George Barbier, 3116 South
Calhoun

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Hiler, 2508 Miner St.
Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, 3313 Broadway
Mr. and Mrs. Merland Heller, 3224 Broadway
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bundy, 2605 Lafayette
St.

A Tidings' Envelope

This copy will be the last issue of Volume 5. In your carton of church envelopes may be found a special manila envelope for the renewal of your subscription to your church paper. The envelope has been placed there for your convenience. "Eventually, Why Not Now?"

Addresses

Pvt. Lois M. Drewett
Co. 17—Regt. 21
3rd W. A. C. Training Center
Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia
Harold Childers, A. S.
Co. N. 1326
U. S. Naval Training Station
Great Lakes, Illinois
Floyd E. Morrical, A. S.
Co. 1384
U. S. Naval Training Station
Great Lakes, Illinois

World Communion Sunday, October 3.

Special Numbers for Church School

The Officers and Teachers of your Church School are trying to make the opening exercises as impressive and spiritual as possible, and one of our plans is to have a special number every Sunday. This will include singing and instrumental arrangements.

Your help is greatly needed and if you care to be listed for any coming Sunday just call Mrs. Richard Miller at the Church office and she will find an open Sunday for you.

Anyone knowing of a good quartet, a good solist, a reader, etc., who would be available, won't you please contact the office.

In the near future we intend to give every class an opportunity to conduct the opening exercises, this will include securing a special number, a song leader, the devotional reading and prayer. We feel this will add considerable interest to the work.

Our Church School must have your wholehearted support in all endeavors, and we are certain that you will not let us down.

Won't you call someone today, who has been away awhile, and invite him back, maybe he is just waiting for your call. We need you every Sunday to succeed.

Let us all pull together in our Sunday School work and some day we will be glad we had a part in it.

Donlad L. Crouse

An Omission

We regret the following names were inadvertently omitted from our list of Sunday School Departments and Teachers last week.

SUPT. OF JUNIORS & INTERMEDIATES

Mrs. George King

SECRETARY OF ADULTS

Miss Marian Trumbower

SECRETARY OF JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATES

Mrs. G. C. Cahow

SECRETARY OF PRIMARY

Miss Ernie Owen

Nursery News

The Nursery is still in need of many items. So far they have received \$30.00 from the Progressive Class, a play pen, a pair of sheets, and a blanket.

If you have any contributions to make for this project, contact Mrs. Joe Fitch or Mrs. L. S. Sentman.

Council Meetings Next Week

The Ruth Circle, Tuesday, October 5, 2:30 P. M., at the Church.

The Naomi Circle, Wednesday, October 6, 2:00 P. M., with Mrs. Walter Birkhold, 1332 West Washington.

The Esther Circle, Wednesday, October 6, 2:15 P. M., with Mrs. John Juday, 1613 Short Street.

The Martha Circle, Wednesday, October 6, 2:15 P. M., with Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, 1129 Kinnaird Street.

World Communion Sunday, October 3.

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MORNING WORSHIP

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EVERY SUNDAY

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell
Come ye before him, and rejoice.
O, enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name Always,
For it is seemly so to do.

CANDIDATE

Rev. Sidney M. Bedford from Lynchburg, Virginia will be our guest speaker Sunday, September 26. Since he is an applicant for the pulpit it is urgent that every member be present. It will not be fair to him if we do not provide him with a sizeable congregation to which to speak.

REPRESENTATIVES

Next Sunday the congregation will elect two of its members to serve on the nominating committee.

ZONE NUMBERS

Because of the new Post Office regulations requiring zone numbers on all mail, we are asking everyone if they will please get their zone number to us, either by phone or mail. A new mailing will be made very soon and we will appreciate the cooperation of everyone.

MY NEED

Sometimes I need to stand alone,
Beneath the deep, blue sky of night,
To breathe the quietness of God,
And feel the strength of all his might!
And then again, I need to pray
Near others, in close fellowship
Within some sanctuary walls,
To know the strength of comradeship!

Peace of mind comes to those who believe in something bigger than themselves.

A NEW NURSERY

The need of a nursery for young children and babies during the church hour has been apparent for a long time, and now something is being done about it.

Don Crouse, Sunday School superintendent, and his co-superintendent, Harold Adams, appointed Mrs. J. M. Fitch and Mrs. L. S. Sentman to go ahead with plans.

Mrs. H. W. Sigrist and the LaKoda class very kindly consented to the use of their classroom. To date linoleum in a pretty blue pattern has been purchased and is to be laid soon. It was found necessary to cover the old floor with pressed board to smooth it enough for the linoleum. Then, too, to make the windows safe, hooks have been placed on them and a wide board nailed all along in front of them so children can not fall through. Draperies in a charming nursery pattern have been made for the two outside windows.

We still need some furnishings, such as are listed below: 1 baby bed, 2 high chairs, 1 nursery chair, 2 play pens, crib sheets and blankets, a small rocking chair (adult size), educational blocks, mechanical toys, other toys, nursery books and nursery pictures. If you can donate any of these things, call one of the committee or the church office. We want to paint all furniture to match. We have already been given one bed.

Competent women will be in charge each Sunday during the church hour to care for the smallest babies to children up to six years of age. It is hoped that the nursery will be ready for use in the next two weeks.

DORCAS CLUB

The Dorcas Club is sponsoring a milk fund for the Cleveland Christian Childrens Home. They have already sent \$50.00 on this project. If there is any one who would like to contribute to this fund, you can see any member of the Club.

FOOD AND SHOES

The Cleveland Home is asking for home canned foods. They will furnish the cans if somebody wants to fill them for the Home. They also are badly in need of shoes for the children who are going to school. They have the ration stamps but no money with which to buy them.

● CHURCH PROGRAM WEEK SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 3



Church Program Week is the enlargement of the emphasis of Religious Education Week, observed in our churches through many years. Promotion Day in the Sunday school and Rally Day for the entire church mark the opening and the closing of this period in which there should be launched a program adequate to cover the activities of the church for the year.

Between 2000 and 2500 of our churches have secured the materials prepared to guide in building such a program, and have spent the summer months in perfecting their plans to reach each age group with Christian teaching; to build up the membership by enlisting families and individuals from the neighborhood; to undergird the work of the local church through adequate financial support; and to have part in state, national and worldwide work of the brotherhood.

It is especially urged that this week be made the time of an every member visitation. If your church has made no other plans for the week, you can still join in this effort to reach every person with the message of the church.

● THE CHURCH IN PARAGUAY

M. L. Norment, *Missionary*

Our work at the church in Asuncion is encouraging. In April we had four baptisms and in May five persons took membership with us. The attendance at the Spanish service is twice what it was last year, and the English service has more than doubled in the year.

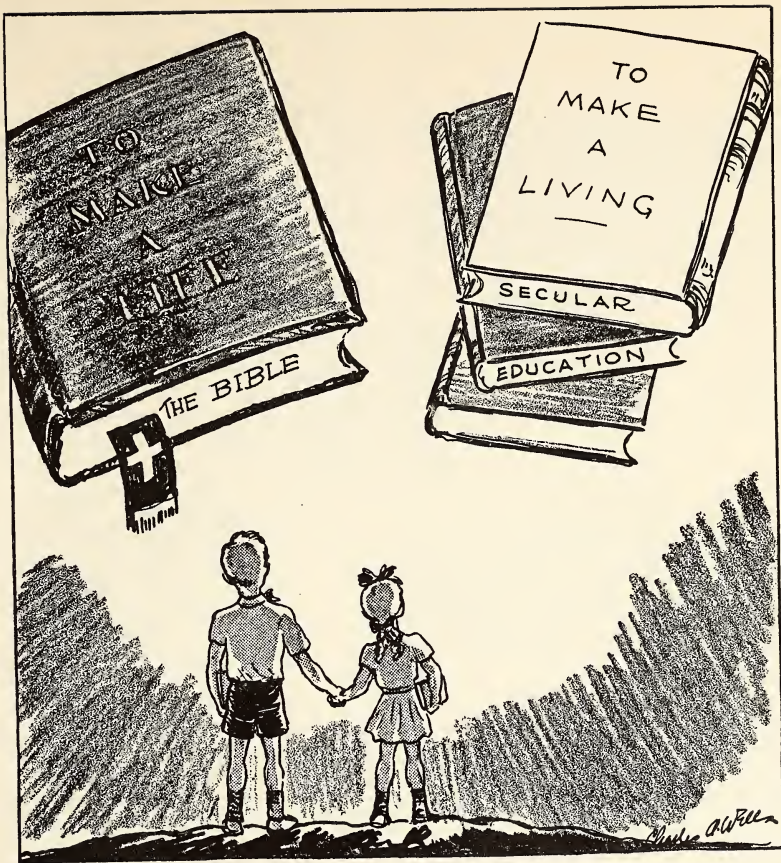
Miss Laura Mai McDonald has organized a choir for our Spanish services. She is assisted by Mr. Haven Hensler, a fine young man, here on a U. S. fellowship in music. We also have a children's choir for our Spanish services.

I wish you could see our young people's meetings. Last Sunday we didn't have enough chairs and some had to stand. We have some very nice boys and girls in our boarding school. This year I have to hold my classes in religious education at the Student Center next door to the church for lack of rooms in the school buildings. Students have over-run us, taking all the rooms available, and we turned away quite a few. Some classes had to split up into two sections. Attendance at the church services is entirely voluntary.

● MR. RALPH PRATHER GOES TO LIVINGTON

Livingston Academy at Livingston, Tennessee, opened a new school year in August with a new superintendent — Mr. Ralph Prather, formerly a teacher in University High School, Bloomington, Indiana. He succeeds Mr. J. C. Taylor who has headed up this work for some years.

Mr. Prather is already known to a great many of the people of our churches through the excellent service he has rendered in Young People's Summer Conferences and in Youth Meets, as dean and instructor.



He Built A Life

He built a house; time laid it in the dust;
 He wrote a book, its title now forgot;
 He ruled a city, but his name is not
 On any table graven, or where rust
 Can gather from disuse, or marble bust.
 He took a child from out a wretched cot,
 Who on the state dishonor might have brought,
 And reared him to the Christian's hope and trust.
 . . That work has multiplied like stars at night
 When darkness deepens; every noble deed
 Lasts longer than a granite monument.

—Author Unknown.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Few people may realize, but many may not know, that First Christian Church provides a Sunday School system which is complete and thorough in its religious education.

Let us suppose that you are a typical family with children of various ages. You may have the full assurance that there is a class especially suited for each member of your family, old or young. Whether you are a tiny tot, a high school student, or a young or old married couple, you can receive guidance and instruction from competent and capable leaders, some of whom have had specialized training in Church School work.

The Superintendent of your Sunday School has devoted much of his time to the organizing a corps of capable leaders to meet the needs of the young people and the adults of your Church. Below we are listing the various departments and department heads who are helping to make First Christian Sunday School a "don't miss" on Sunday morning.

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Donald L. Crouse

CO-SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Harold E. Adams

NURSERY

Mrs. A. Hirschy

PRIMARY

Mrs. E. Fusselman

Mrs. D. Crouse

BEGINNERS

Mrs. A. O. Schell

Mrs. Wm. Crouse

JUNIORS

Mrs. H. P. Love

Mrs. A. Gagon

INTERMEDIATES

Mr. H. P. Love

Mrs. O. Vaught

HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Chas. Dare

LAKODA

Mrs. H. W. Sigrist

PROGRESSIVE

Mr. A. O. Schell

LOYAL REAPERS

Miss Leah Miller

LADIES CLASS

Mrs. Ray Woodhull

MEN'S AND LADIES' CLASS

Mrs. Robert Scott

These people will expect to see you in Church School next Sunday. Your attendance is their reward.

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THE LAST SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the last Sunday in the Third Quarter. This will be your last chance to get your envelopes in before the quarterly statements are mailed out the first of October.

Will your pledge be up-to-date when you receive your statement?

TIDINGS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. Louise Lacy, 921 Jackson Street.

Mrs. Robert E. Clipp, 3508 Indiana Avenue.

Mrs. J. L. Nowells, 626 West Jefferson Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, 1129 Kinnaird Avenue.

Every person should be receiving the Tidings. If you know of anyone who is not receiving his church paper will you please call the church office.

Many fine words of praise were given the choir last Sunday for their splendid music. Several new members were in the choir. A choir leader has a difficult duty these days obtaining singers when so many men and women are employed so many hours of the week. Mr. Abbott appreciates the fine response last week and wishes all to help who can. A choir leader cannot direct a choir unless he has a choir to direct. If all who can sing will come to choir rehearsal our choir leader will produce beautiful music.

BE GRATEFUL

Be grateful for the kindly friends that walk along our way;

Be grateful for the skies of blue that smile from day to day;

Be grateful for the health your own, the work you find to do.

For round about you there are men less fortunate than you.

—Edgar A. Guest.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Woman's Council will appreciate orders for Christmas cards from members of the church and their friends. There is a fine selection in all price ranges. Mrs. Owen Vaught is in charge of the sales, so if you will get in touch with her she will be glad to give you any further information.



